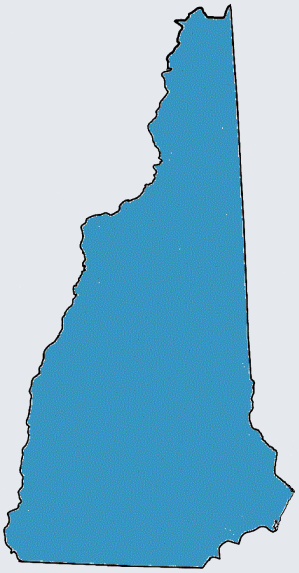

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US Cadet

Manchester – August 17 - 21, 2017

The US Cadet Championship is "a 10-player round robin event consisting of the top 8 players age 16 and under by rating, plus the winner of the previous year's Barber Tournament, plus one wild card to be selected by the organizers." Prizes include a four-year scholarship to UMBC for the winner, the results of a preliminary blitz tournament serving as the tiebreaker. (The blitz tournament was won by Trung Nguyen, with Hans Niemann taking second, and Ben Li third.)

This year's invitational was held in Manchester, NH and was directed by Alex Relyea. Ben Li (MI), 15, and Carissa Yip (MA), 13, were crowned co-champions with 6 out of 9. According to the USCF, Carissa is the first girl to place atop this event since its inception in 1986. Christopher Shen took clear second with 5.5 out of 9.

NA David Day, FM Carissa Yip, WIM Emily Nguyen, FM Hans Niemann, CM Christopher Shen, FM Ben Li, Andy Huang, CM Yoo-Young Kim, FM Albert Lu, IA Alex Relyea, FM Trung Nguyen, Andrew Titus

Yip,Carissa (2187) - Huang,Andy (2178) [B33]

US Cadet (1), 2017-08-17

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 Bg5 12.Nc2 Rb8 13.Bd3 Bd7 14.Nce3 Bxe3 15.Nxe3 0-0 16.0-0 a5 17.Qe2 Qb6 18.Bc2 Be6 19.Kh1 b4 20.Qd3 Qc5 21.Rfd1 bxc3 22.bxc3 Rfd8 23.Rd2 Na7 24.Nd5 Nb5 25.f4 exf4 26.e5 Bxd5 27.Qxh7+ Kf8 28.Qh8+ Ke7 29.Qxg7 Be6 (29...f3∓) 30.Qf6+ Ke8 31.exd6 Rxd6 32.Rxd6 Qxd6 33.Ba4 Qa3 34.Qxf4 Rb6 35.Qd4 Rb7 36.Rd1 Bd7 37.Bxb5! 1-0

Lu,Albert (2323) - Nguyen,Trung (2181) [A41]

US Cadet (1), 2017-08-17

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.Nf3 e4 4.Nfd2 f5 5.e3 c5 6.Nb3 Nd7 7.Nc3 Ngf6 8.a4 a5 9.Nb5 Ra6 10.Bd2 Be7 11.Bc3 0-0 12.Qc2 b6 13.dxc5 dxc5 14.0-0-0 Bb7 15.Be5 Ne8 16.Be2 Qc8 17.Bc3 Nb8 18.f4 Nc6 19.h3 Nb4 20.Bxb4 axb4 21.Nd2 g6 22.b3 Qe6 23.g4 Bf6 24.Kb1 Bg7 25.Nf1 g5 26.fxg5 f4 27.exf4 e3 28.Rh2 Rxf4 29.Bd3 Qe5 30.Ka2 Rf3 31.Re1 Ra8 32.Rhe2 Rd8 33.Bxh7+ Kh8 34.Nxe3 Qxg5 35.Nf5 Be4 36.Qc1 Qxc1 37.Rxc1 Bd3 38.Rd1 0-1

Li,Ben (2305) - Kim,Yoon-Young (2293) [D47]

US Cadet (1), 2017-08-17

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.b3 Bb7 11.Bb2 Qe7 12.Rc1 Rac8 13.Qe2 a6 14.a4 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.f4 Bb8 18.e4 b4 19.Nd1 a5 20.Ne3 Rfd8 21.Nf5 Ba7+ 22.Kh1 Qe6 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.e5 Qe6 25.Nd6 Rc7 26.Bc4 Qh6 27.Rcd1 Rf8 28.e6 fxe6 29.Bxe6+ Kh8 30.Nf7+ Rcxf7 31.Bxf7 Qf6 32.Bc4 Bd4 33.Qe4 Bc3 34.Rd7 Bc8 35.Rc7 Bf5 36.Qxc6 Qxc6 37.Rxc6 Rd8 38.Be6 Bc2 39.h3 g6 40.Rf2 Be4 41.Rc8 Rxc8 42.Bxc8 Bd5 43.f5 gxf5 44.Rxf5 Bxb3 45.Rxa5 Bc2 46.Be6 b3 47.Rb5 b2 48.Ba2 Bxa4 49.Rb8+ Kg7 50.Rb7+ Kf6 51.Rxh7 Bd2 52.Bb1 Bc1 53.Ra7 Bd1 54.Ra5 Bb3 55.Kh2 Be6 56.g3 Kg7 57.Ra6 Bc4 58.Rb6 Bd5 59.h4 Bf3 60.Kh3 Be2 61.g4 Bf4 62.Kg2 Bc1 63.Kg3 Bd1 64.g5 Bh5 65.Rb7+ Kg8 66.g6 1-0

Niemann,Hans (2254) - Nguyen,Emily (2110) [D11]

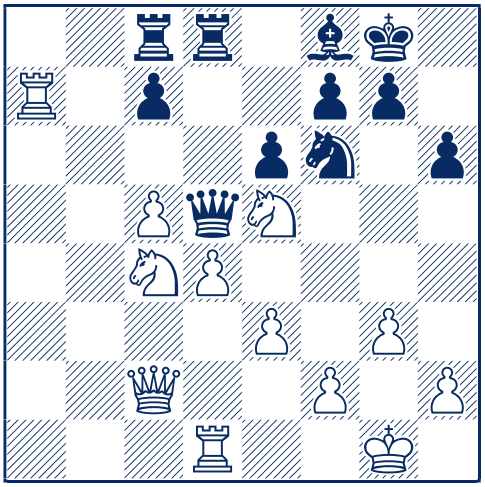
US Cadet (1), 2017-08-17

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bg4 5.Qb3 Qc7 6.Nc3 e6 7.Ne5 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Nxd3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Be7 11.Bd2 0-0 12.Rfe1 dxc4 13.Qxc4 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.f4 Qc5 17.Qxc5 Bxc5 18.Na4 Be7 19.Nc3 Bc5 20.a3 Rad8 21.Rad1 Rfe8 22.Kf2 Ne4+ 23.Nxe4 Rxe4 24.Kf3 Rde8 25.Bc1 f5 26.Rd7 R8e7 27.Rxe7 Bxe7 28.b3 Bf6 29.g4 g6 30.Rd1 Re7 31.g5 Bg7 32.Rd8+ Kf7 33.Bd2 b6 34.Rc8 Rd7 35.Ke2 c5 36.a4 Ke7 37.b4 Rd8 38.Rxd8 Kxd8 39.bxc5 bxc5 40.e4 fxe4 41.Ke3 Kd7 42.Kxe4 Ke6 43.Be3 Bf8 44.h4 a6 45.Bd2 Bg7 46.Be3 Bf8 47.Bc1 Bg7 48.Ba3 Bd4 49.Bc1 Bg7 50.Be3 Bd4 51.Bc1 Bf2 52.h5 gxh5 53.f5+ Ke5+ ½-½

Shen,Christopher (2167) - Titus,Andrew (2131) [A05]

US Cadet (1), 2017-08-17

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.0-0 Be7 5.c4 0-0 6.d4 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Rd1 Bc6 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 b5 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.b3 bxa4 14.bxc4 a3 15.c5 Qc8 16.Rxa3 Rd8 17.e3 Rb8 18.Ne5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 h6 20.Ndc4 Qb7+ 21.Kg1 Qd5 22.Rxa6 Bf8 23.Ra7 Rbc8?



(white to move)

(23…Rdc8 was necessary to give the queen a retreat square.) 24.f3! Ra8 25.e4 Qxd4+ 26.Rxd4 Bxc5 27.Rxa8 Bxd4+ 28.Kg2 Rxa8 29.Qd2 Bc5 30.Nd7 Be7 31.Nxf6+ Bxf6 32.Qd7 Rd8 33.Qxc7 Ra8 34.e5 Bd8 35.Qd7 Kf8 36.Nd6 Be7 37.Nc8 1-0

Huang,Andy (2178) - Nguyen,Emily (2110) [B43]

US Cadet (2), 2017-08-18

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nxc6 dxc6 8.f4 e5 9.f5 Nf6 10.0-0 Bc5+ 11.Kh1 0-0 12.g4 b5 13.a4 Bb7 14.Qf3 Nd7 15.g5 Bd6 16.b3 Nc5 17.Be3 Nxd3 18.cxd3 Rfd8 19.Rfd1 Bb4 20.Rac1 Qa5 21.Na2 Ba3 22.Qf2 bxa4 23.b4 Qb5 24.Rc5 Rxd3 25.Rf1 Qb6 26.g6 f6 27.Rc3 Qd8 28.Qh4 h6 29.Bxh6 gxh6 30.Qxh6 Rd7 31.Rh3 1-0

Titus,Andrew (2131) - Niemann,Hans (2254) [C07]

US Cadet (2), 2017-08-18

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 a6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Bd7 12.Bf4 Ne7 13.Rfe1 Ng6 14.Bg3 0-0-0 15.Rad1 Be7 16.Nf3 Bf6 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 Bc6 20.Ree1 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Kxd8 23.f3 Ke7 24.Kf2 e5 25.Ke3 f5 26.Bd3 Kf6 27.b4 g5 28.g4 f4+ 29.Kf2 h6 30.Be4 Bxe4 31.fxe4 a5 32.a3 Ke6 33.c4 Kd6 34.h3 Kc6 35.Ke2 b6 36.Kf2 b5 37.c5 a4 ½-½

Nguyen,Trung (2181) - Shen,Christopher (2167) [E70]

US Cadet (2), 2017-08-18

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nge2 0-0 6.Ng3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Be2 Na6 9.h4 h5 10.Bg5 Qe8 11.Qd2 Nc5 12.Bh6 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 Ng4 14.Qg5 f6 15.Qd2 Kg7 16.f3 Nh6 17.0-0-0 Bd7 18.Rdg1 Qe7 19.Bd1 Rab8 20.Nf1 b5 21.cxb5 Bxb5 22.Bc2 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 f5 24.Qg5 Qf6 25.Kb1 Rb4 26.a3 Rb7 27.Ka2 Rfb8 28.Rb1 fxe4 29.Qd2 Nf5 30.Nxe4 Nxe4 31.Bxe4 Ng3 32.Rh3 Qf4 33.Qe1 Nxe4 34.fxe4 a4 35.Rf3 Qg4 36.Rg3 Qf4 37.Rf3 Qg4 38.Rg3 Qf4 39.Rc3 Qg4 40.Qc1 Qd7 41.Rc6 Ra8 42.Qc2 Raa7 43.Rf1 Ra8 44.Rf2 Qe7 45.g3 Qd7 46.Qc1 Qe7 47.Rfc2 Raa7 48.R2c3 Kh7 49.Qc2 Qf7 50.R6c4 Qd7 51.Qc1 Qe7 52.Rc2 Kg7 53.R4c3 Qf7 54.Qg1 c5 55.g4 hxg4 56.Rg3 Rb3 57.Rxg4 Kh7 58.Rf2 Rf3 59.Rxf3 Qxf3 60.Rxg6 Rb7 61.Rg3 Qxe4 62.Qd1 Rg7 63.Qh5+ Kg8 64.Qe8+ Kh7 65.Qh5+ Kg8 66.Qe8+ Kh7 67.Rxg7+ Kxg7 68.Qe7+ Kg8 69.Qe8+ Kg7 70.Qe7+ Kg8 71.Qe6+ Kg7 72.Qxd6 Qc4+ 73.Kb1 Qd3+ 74.Kc1 Qe3+ 75.Kc2 Qb3+ ½-½

FM Carissa Yip vs FM Ben Li

Yip,Carissa (2187) - Li,Ben (2305) [C84]

US Cadet (2), 2017-08-18

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.Nd5 c6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Bg5 Bxa2 14.Rxa2 Qe6 15.Ra1 c5 16.Nh4 h6 17.Be3 Nc6 18.Nf5 Ne7 19.g4 c4 20.Qf3 cxd3 21.cxd3 Rfc8 22.Kh1 d5 23.Rg1 dxe4 24.dxe4 Nh7 25.h4 Rc4 26.Kh2 Rac8 27.Rg3 Rc2 28.Rd1 Nxf5 29.gxf5 Qf6 30.Rdg1 Qxh4+ 31.Rh3 Ng5 32.Rxg5 Rxf2+ 33.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 34.Bxf2 hxg5 35.Rc3 Rd8 36.Be3 f6 37.Kg2 Rd6 38.Kf3 Kh7 39.Ke2 Rd7 40.Rc6 Kh6 41.Rxa6 Kh5 42.Rb6 g4 43.Bf2 Kg5 44.Ke3 Rd8 45.Rb7 Rg8 46.Rxb5 Rh8 47.Bg3 Rh3 48.Kf2 Rh1 49.Rb7 g6 50.Rg7 Rb1 51.Rxg6+ Kh5 52.b4 Rb2+ 53.Kg1?? (53.Kf1 Rb3 54.Bf2) 53…Rg2+! 54.Kf1 (54.Kxg2 is stalemate!) 54…Rxg3 55.Rxf6 Rxa3 56.Re6 Kg5 57.Rg6+ Kh5 ½-½

Kim,Yoon-Young (2293) - Lu,Albert (2323) [E06]

US Cadet (2), 2017-08-18

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 b5 8.a4 b4 9.Nfd2 Nd5 10.Nxc4 Nd7 11.e4 N5b6 12.Na5 c5 13.Nc6 Qe8 14.a5 Bb7 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.axb6 cxd4 17.Qc7 1-0

Li,Ben (2305) - Huang,Andy (2178) [D11]

US Cadet (3), 2017-08-18

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 c5 6.Bb2 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.Bd3 b6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nbd2 Bb7 11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.Qe2 Rc8 13.Rfd1 Rc7 14.Ne5 dxc4 15.bxc4 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 Rd7 17.Nf1 Qc7 18.Qe2 Rfd8 19.Ng3 g6 20.d5 exd5 21.cxd5 Qb8 22.Be5 Qa8 23.d6 Rxd6 24.Bxd6 Bxd6 25.Qb2 Ng4 26.Be2 h5 27.Bxg4 hxg4 28.Qf6 Bc7 29.Qe7 Qb8 30.Rxd8+ Bxd8 31.Qd7 Kf8 32.Ne4 Bxe4 1-0

Lu,Albert (2323) - Yip,Carissa (2187) [D31]

US Cadet (3), 2017-08-18

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Nf6 6.e3 0-0 7.a4 c5 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nf3 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Ba3 Rfc8 14.Qe2 Ne4 15.Rfc1 c4 16.Bb1 Bc6 17.a5 bxa5 18.Nd2 Nd6 19.Bxd6 Qxd6 20.e4 f6 21.Rxa5 Qc7 22.exd5 Qxa5 23.dxc6 Rxc6 24.Bxh7+ Kf8 25.Re1 Qd8 26.Qf3 Qc7 27.Qd5 Ne5 28.Qg8+ 1-0

Shen,Christopher (2167) - Kim,Yoon-Young (2293) [A06]

US Cadet (3), 2017-08-18

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Bg4 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 Nd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.d3 Ngf6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Bc5 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Qc2 Re8 12.Na4

Bd6 13.e4 Qe7 14.Nc3 dxe4 15.dxe4 Rad8 16.Re1 Bc5 17.Bg2 Ne5 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Rd7 20.Ree1 Red8 21.Red1 Qc5 22.Rxd7 Rxd7 23.Rd1 h6 24.Rxd7 Nfxd7 25.Qd2 Nf8 26.Ne2 Ne6 27.Qc3 Qd6 28.f4 Qd1+ 29.Bf1 Nd7 30.Qe3 Nec5 31.Nc3 Qc2 32.b4 Ne6 33.Qd3 Qxd3 34.Bxd3 g5 35.Ne2 Kf8 36.Kf2 Ke7 37.Ke3 Nb6 38.Nd4 Nxd4 39.Kxd4 f6 40.Bc2 Nd7 41.Bb3 Kd6 42.a4 b6 43.b5 Nc5 44.e5+ fxe5+ 45.fxe5+ Ke7 46.Bd1 cxb5 47.axb5 a6 48.bxa6 Nxa6 49.h4 gxh4 50.gxh4 Nc7 51.Bb3 Ne6+ 52.Bxe6 Kxe6 53.h5 b5 54.Kc5 Kxe5 55.Kxb5 Kf4 56.Kc4 Kg4 57.Kd3 Kxh5 58.Ke3 Kg4 59.Ke4 ½-½

Niemann,Hans (2254) - Nguyen,Trung (2181) [A41]

US Cadet (3), 2017-08-18

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.Nf3 e4 4.Nfd2 f5 5.e3 c5 6.Nb3 Nc6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Be2 Be7 9.f4 0-0 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Nd5 b6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.d5 Nb8 14.Bd2 Na6 15.Bc3 Nc7 16.Nd2 b5 17.Ba5 Rac8 18.Bxc7 Rxc7 19.cxb5 Nxd5 20.Bc4 Be6 21.Qb3 Qf7 22.Nxe4 fxe4 23.f5 Qe7 24.Bxd5 c4 25.Qd1 Bf7 26.Bc6 Be8 27.Qd5+ Kh8 28.Qxc4 Bxc6 29.bxc6 Qe5 30.b4 Rf6 31.b5 Rh6 32.g3 Qb2 33.h4 Qe5 34.Kg2 Qb2+ 35.Kh3 Rc8 36.Rab1 Qd2 37.Qd4 Qe2 38.f6 Rg6 39.fxg7+ Rxg7 40.Rf4 h5 41.a4 Re8 42.Rg1 Kh7 43.Rg2 Qe1 44.Kh2 Re5 45.Qxd6 1-0

Nguyen,Emily (2110) - Titus,Andrew (2131) [D35]

US Cadet (3), 2017-08-18

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 c6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Nf3 Nf4 11.0-0 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 Nf6 13.Ne5 Ne4 14.f3 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Rae1 Be6 17.Nd3 Qd6 18.Nc5 b6 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.a3 Rfc8 21.e4 c5 22.exd5 Qxd5 23.dxc5 Qxc5+ 24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.Re7 Rc2 26.Rf2 Rc1+ 27.Rf1 Rc2 28.Rf2 Rc1+ 29.Rf1 Rc2 ½-½

Nguyen,Trung (2181) - Nguyen,Emily (2110) [D10]

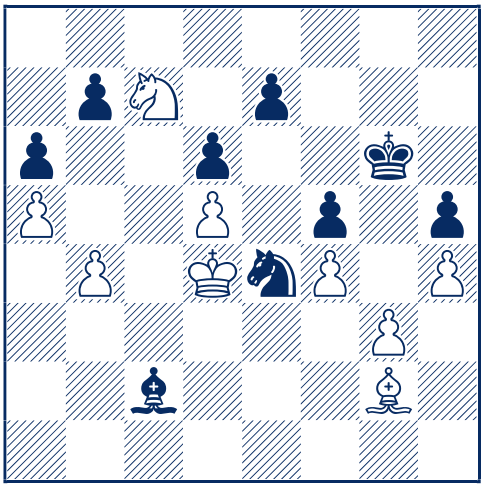
US Cadet (4), 2017-08-19

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Ne5 e6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.g3 c5 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.0-0 Be7 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Na4 Be7 13.Be3 0-0 14.Nc5 Bc6 15.Rc1 Rc8 16.Bd4 Ba8 17.Nd3 Qa5 18.a3 Ne4 19.b4 Qa6 20.Bb2 Rxc1 21.Qxc1 Rc8 22.Qd1 Nc3 23.Qd2 Ne4 24.Qd1 Nc3 25.Qd2 Ne4 26.Qe3 Bg5 27.f4 Bd8 28.Bd4 Bb6 29.Nc5 Bxc5 30.bxc5 Qa5 31.Rd1 Bc6 32.f5 exf5 33.Bxe4 fxe4 34.Qg5 f6 35.Bxf6 Qc7 (not 35...Qxc5+? 36.Bd4) 36.Be5 Qd7 37.Bd6 Re8 38.e3 Qe6 39.Qf4 Qf7 40.Rb1 Qxf4 41.gxf4 Kf7 42.Kf2 Rd8 43.Ke2 Ke6 44.Kd2 Rd7 45.Kc3 g6 46.Rb8 Rb7 47.Rxb7 Bxb7 48.Kb4 Kd7 49.Kc3 Kc6 50.Kd4 Bc8 51.Bb8 a6 52.Ba7 Bf5 53.Ke5 h5 ½-½

Kim,Yoon-Young (2293) - Niemann,Hans (2254) [A04]

US Cadet (4), 2017-08-19

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Bd7 7.0-0 g6 8.b3 Bg7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Nc2 a6 11.Nc3 Rb8 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.cxd5 Ne5 15.Nd4 Qa5 16.h3 f6 17.Qe1 Qxe1 18.Rfxe1 Rfc8 19.f4 Nf7 20.Rac1 Rc5 21.b4 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc8 23.Rxc8 Bxc8 24.e4 f5 25.exf5 gxf5 26.Kf2 Kf6 27.Ke3 h5 28.Bf3 Kg6 29.Nb3 Nh6 30.Na5 Ng8 31.Nc4 Bd7 32.Nb6 Bb5 33.a4 Bf1 34.h4 Nf6 35.Kd4 Bh3 36.Na8 Bg4 37.Bg2 Bd1 38.a5 Bc2 39.Nc7 Ne4



Spot The Tactic #1 (white to move)

40.Bxe4 Bxe4 41.Ne6 Kf6 42.Kc4 Kf7 43.Nc7 Bg2 44.Kd4 Bf1 45.Ne6 Bb5 46.Nd8+ Ke8 47.Ne6 ½-½

Huang,Andy (2178) - Titus,Andrew (2131) [B90]

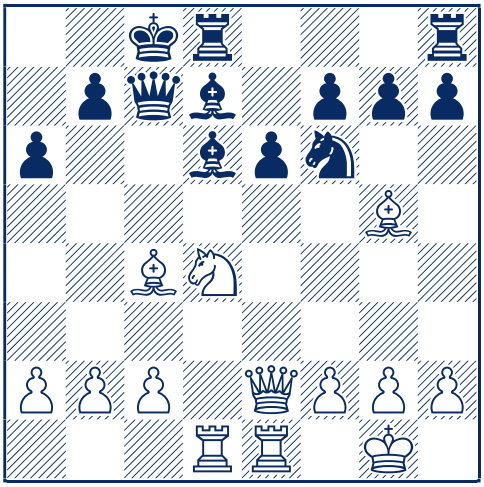
US Cadet (4), 2017-08-19

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.a4 0-0 9.a5 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Be3 c5 12.Qd3 Bb7 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.Bf4 Rfd8 15.Qe2 Qc6 16.f3 h6 17.Na4 Bf8 18.Nb6 Ra7 19.Bb3 Qe8 20.Rd2 Nh5 21.Be3 d5 22.e5 d4 23.Bf2 Nf4 24.Qf1 Be7 25.c3 Bg5 26.Rad1 d3 27.Rxd3 Nxd3 28.Rxd3 Qb5 29.Bc2 Qxa5 30.b4 Qa3 31.Bxc5 Rxd3 32.Qxd3 Qc1+ 33.Kf2 g6 34.Nc4 Ra8 35.Nd6 Rd8 36.Bb6 Bh4+ 37.g3 Qh1 38.Bxd8 Qxh2+ 39.Ke3 Qg1+ 40.Kd2 Bxg3 41.Qe3 Bf2 42.Qe2 Bc6 43.Ne4 Bxe4 44.Qxe4 h5 45.Bf6 Kh7 46.Bd1 Bg3 47.Qa8 Be1+ 48.Kd3 g5 49.Bc2 Qf1+ 50.Kd4+ 1-0

Yip,Carissa (2187) - Shen,Christopher (2167) [C07]

US Cadet (4), 2017-08-19

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 a6 9.Re1 Nf6 10.Nbxd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qc7 12.Qe2 Bd7 13.Bg5 0-0-0 14.Rad1 Bd6



(white to move)

15.Bxa6! Bb4 (15…Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 e5! at least regains the pawn for Black's troubles: 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.Bxb5 Bf4. Accepting the sacrifice with 15…bxa6? is fatal after 16.Qxa6+ Kb8 17.Rd3) 16.c3 Bd6 17.h3 bxa6 18.Qxa6+ Kb8 19.c4! Bc5 20.Rd3 Ba4 21.Qxa4 Rxd4 22.Rb3+ Bb6 23.Be3 Rd6 24.c5 Rc6 25.Bf4 1-0

Li,Ben (2305) - Lu,Albert (2323) [D37]

US Cadet (4), 2017-08-19

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.a3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Re8 10.Bg5 d4 11.0-0-0 e5 12.Nd5 b5 13.Nxf6+ gxf6 14.cxb5 Na5 15.exd4 Bxd4 16.Bd2 Bg4 17.Bxa5 Qxa5 18.Nxd4 exd4 19.Bc4 Rac8 20.Kb1 Bxd1 21.Rxd1 Re1 22.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 23.Ka2 Kg7 24.Qb3 Qxf2 25.Bxf7 Qe3 26.Qd5 Qe5 27.Qb3 Qe3 28.Qd5 Qe5 (28…Rc7∓) 29.Qb3 Rd8 30.Bc4 Qxh2 31.g3 d3 32.Qb4 Qe2 33.Qc5 Qe5 34.Qxa7+ Kh6 35.Qb6 Qd4 36.Qxd4 Rxd4 37.Bb3 d2 38.a4 d1Q?? (First things first; Black's rook needs some help on the queenside. Better is 38…Kg6 39.Bd1 f5 40.Ka3 Kf6 etc.) 39.Bxd1 Rxd1 40.b6 Rd8 41.a5 Rb8 42.b4 Kg5 43.b5 Kg4 44.Kb3 Kxg3 45.Kb4 f5 46.a6 f4 47.a7 Rf8 48.b7 f3 49.b8Q+ Rf4+ 50.Qxf4+ 1-0

Lu,Albert (2323) - Huang,Andy (2178) [D20]

US Cadet (5), 2017-08-19

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 e5 4.Bxc4 exd4 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Nc6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.exd4 0-0 10.d5 Ne7 11.Nc3 a6 12.Rfe1 Qd6 13.Bb3 Ng6 14.h3 Bd7 15.Ng5 Bf5 16.Nf3 Rad8 17.Rad1 h6 18.Qc1 Kh8 19.Nd4 Bc8 20.Nf3 Rfe8 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Re1 Rd8 23.Ne4 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 Bd7 25.Qe1 Qf8 26.Ne5 Nxe5 27.Rxe5 Re8 28.Rxe8 Qxe8 29.Qc3 Qd8 30.d6 cxd6 31.Bxf7 Bc6 ½-½

Shen,Christopher (2167) - Li,Ben (2305) [A08]

US Cadet (5), 2017-08-19

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d4 Nf6 5.0-0 Bg4 6.dxc5 e5 7.c4 Bxc5 8.cxd5 Qxd5 9.Nc3 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 0-0 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd4 13.Bxb7 Rab8 14.Ba6 Rfd8 15.Be3 Be7 16.Rab1 Rd6 17.Bc4 Rc8 18.b3 Nf5 19.Bxa7 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Nd6 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.Rxd5 Nxc4 23.bxc4 Rxc4 24.Rxe5 Bf8 25.Ra5 g6 26.Be3 h5 27.Ra8 Kg7 28.a4 Ba3 29.a5 Bc1 30.Bb6 Bb2 31.a6 Bd4 32.Bxd4+ Rxd4 33.Kg2 Ra4 34.Kf3 Ra2 35.Ke3 Kh7 36.f4 Ra3+ 37.Kd4 Rxg3 38.Rf8 Ra3 39.Rxf7+ Kg8 40.Ra7 h4 41.Ke5 Rxh3 42.Rb7 Ra3 43.a7 h3 44.Rb8+ Kg7 45.a8Q Rxa8 46.Rxa8 h2 47.Ra1 h1N 48.Rxh1 1-0

Niemann,Hans (2254) - Yip,Carissa (2187) [A50]

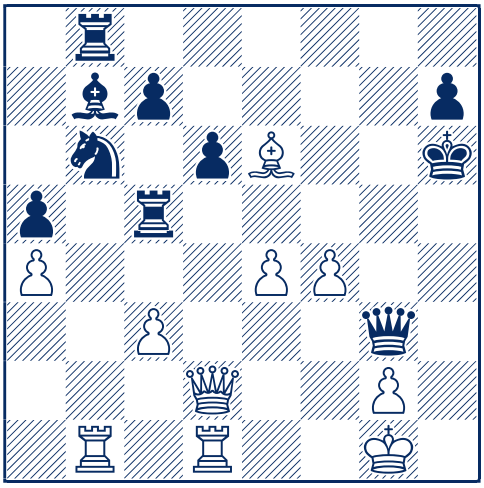
US Cadet (5), 2017-08-19

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Ne2 0-0 6.Be3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Nec3 exd5 9.cxd5 Nbd7 10.Be2 Ne5 11.Nd2 a6 12.a4 b6 13.0-0 h5 14.h3 Re8 15.f4 Ned7 16.Bf3 Rb8 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.Qb3 Bf8 19.Ra3 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Qb7 22.Ra5 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Rxe4 24.Qd3 Re8 25.f5 Ne5 26.Nxe5 Rxe5 27.fxg6 Rxd5 28.gxf7+ Qxf7 29.Nd4 Qe8 30.Kh1 Bb7 31.Rf3 Bg7 32.Rg3 Kh8 33.Rg6 Qe5 34.Ra1 cxd4 35.Bh6 Rg8 36.Rf1 Qe7 37.Qd2 Re5 38.Qf4 Re2 39.Rg1 d3 40.Qf5 Rxg2 41.R1xg2 Bxg2+ 42.Kg1 Bd4+ 43.Kxg2 Rxg6+ 44.Qxg6 Qe2+ 0-1

Titus,Andrew (2131) - Nguyen,Trung (2181) [B06]

US Cadet (5), 2017-08-19

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 a6 5.Be2 b5 6.a4 b4 7.Nd5 a5 8.c3 e6 9.Nf4 bxc3 10.bxc3 Bb7 11.Qc2 Nf6 12.Bd3 0-0 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.Ba3 Re8 15.Rfd1 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Rxe5 18.f3 Nd7 19.Bc4 Rb8 20.Rab1 Bh6 21.Bc1 Rc5 22.Ne6? (22.Bb5 maintains White's advantage.) 22...fxe6 23.Bxe6+ Kg7 24.Bxh6+ Kxh6 25.Qd2+ g5 26.h4 Nb6 27.hxg5+ Qxg5 28.f4 Qg3? (This lets White back in the game. Better is ...Qe7.)



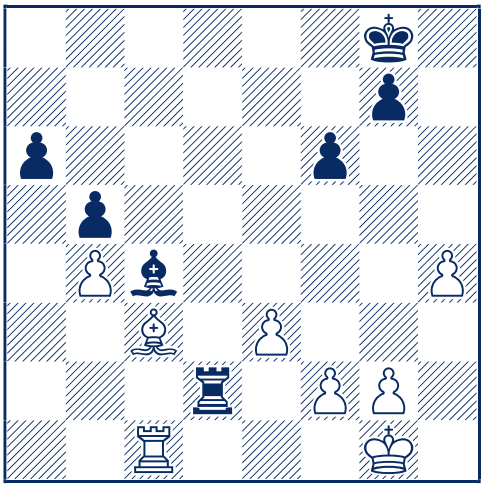
Spot The Tactic #2 (white to move)

29.Rf1 Rxc3 (29...Bxe4∓) 30.Rbe1 Rd3 31.Qb2 Rf8 32.f5 Qg5 33.Rf2 Re3 34.Rxe3 Qxe3 35.g4 Bxe4 36.Kf1 Bd3+ 37.Kg2 Nxa4 38.Qa1 Be4+ 39.Kf1 Qd3+ 40.Ke1 Qc3+ 41.Qxc3 Nxc3 42.Rh2+ Kg5 43.Rxh7 Kxg4 44.Rxc7 Nb5 45.Rc4 Kf3 46.Ra4 Bxf5 47.Bd5+ Ke3 48.Rxa5 Bd3 49.Bg2 Rf2 50.Bh3 Re2+ 51.Kd1 Nc3+ 52.Kc1 Rc2# 0-1

Nguyen,Emily (2110) - Kim,Yoon-Young (2293) [D47]

US Cadet (5), 2017-08-19

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.b3 Bb7 11.Bb2 a6 12.a4 Qe7 13.Rc1 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 Rfd8 17.Qe2 Rac8 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Qxe5 Qxe5 22.Bxe5 Rd3 23.axb5 cxb5 24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Rc1 Be6 26.b4 Bc4 27.Ra1 Rd2 28.h4 f6 29.Bd4 Ba2 30.Rc1 Bc4 31.Ra1 Ba2 32.Rc1 Bc4 33.Bc3



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After repeating a couple times, White eschews the draw despite the opposite-colored bishops and her opponent's higher rating. 33...Rd3 34.Kh2 Kh7 35.Bd4 Rd2 36.Kg3 Kg6 37.Rh1 Kh5 38.Bc5 Bb3 39.Bf8 Rd8 40.Bc5 Rd2 41.Ra1 Ba2 42.e4 Kg6 43.Kf4 Kf7 44.h5 Kg8 45.Ke3 Rc2 46.Bd4 Bf7 47.h6 Rc6 48.hxg7 Kxg7 49.Bc5 Bb3 50.Ra3 Be6 51.Kd4 Kf7 52.f4 Bc8 53.f5 Rc7 54.Ke3 Bb7 55.Rc3 Ke8 56.Rc2 Rd7 57.Rc1 Rg7 58.Kf3 Rh7 59.Re1 Rh4 60.Bd4 Ke7 61.g3 Rh5 62.Kf4 Rh2 63.Rc1 Kd7 64.Bxf6 Rf2+ 65.Ke5 Rb2 66.Rd1+ Kc7 67.Rd4 Rg2 68.Ke6 Re2 69.Be5+ Kb6 70.f6 Bc8+ 71.Ke7 Rf2 72.f7 A very nicely played endgame by Emily. 1-0

Huang,Andy (2178) - Nguyen,Trung (2181) [B06]

US Cadet (6), 2017-08-20

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 a6 5.Qd2 Nd7 6.0-0-0 b5 7.h4 Ngf6 8.f3 Bb7 9.g4 h6 10.a3 Nb6 11.Nh3 Nfd7 12.f4 c5 13.Qf2 b4 14.axb4 cxb4 15.Na2 Bxe4 16.Bg2 Bxg2 17.Qxg2 a5 18.f5 gxf5 19.gxf5 Bf6 20.Nf4 Qc7 21.Kb1 Rb8 22.Qe2 Qc4 23.Rd3 Nd5 24.b3 Nxf4 25.Bxf4 Qd5 26.Rg1 Kd8 27.Rf1 Bxh4 28.Rdd1 Bf6 29.Rh1 a4 30.Nc1 axb3 31.Nxb3 Nb6 32.Bxh6 Na4 33.Bd2 Rxh1 0-1

Kim,Yoon-Young (2293) - Titus,Andrew (2131) [A05]

US Cadet (6), 2017-08-20

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.d4 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Bf4 Bc6 10.Qxc4 b5 11.Qc2 Bd6 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Nbd2 Bb7 14.Rfc1 Nc6 15.Nb3 Rc8 16.e3 Nb4 17.Qe2 bxa4 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Rxc5 h6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Rxa4 Nd5 22.Ne5 Rfd8 23.Nc6 Rd6 24.Na5 Rb6 25.Nxb7 Rxb7 26.Rxa6 Qd8 27.Bxd5 exd5 28.Rac6 Rcb8 29.Qf3 Qe7 30.Qxd5 Rxb2 31.Rxc7 Qf6 32.Qf5 Qxf5 33.Rxf5 f6 34.Rd5 R2b7 35.Rd8+ Kh7 36.Rdd7 Rxc7 37.Rxc7 Kg8 38.Kg2 h5 39.h4 Rb2 40.Kf3 Rd2 41.Rd7 Kf8 42.e4 Rd3+ 43.Ke2 Ra3 44.d5 g6 45.Rb7 Ra2+ 46.Ke3 Ra1 47.d6 Rd1 48.d7 Ke7 49.d8Q+ Kxd8 50.Rg7 Ke8 51.Rxg6 Kf7 52.Rh6 Re1+ 53.Kf3 Ra1 54.Rxh5 Kg6 55.Rb5 1-0

Yip,Carissa (2187) - Nguyen,Emily (2110) [B43]

US Cadet (6), 2017-08-20

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.f4 d6 8.Qe2 b5 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.Be4 Bb7 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Qh5+ Kd8 14.Bg5+ Be7 15.Bxe7+ Kxe7 16.Qh4+ Ke8 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.Ne4 Qb6 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.Rf1+ Kg8 21.Qf4 h6 22.Ne8 Kh7 23.Qe4+ Kg8 24.0-0-0 Ra7 25.Qg6 Qe3+ 26.Kb1 Qxe5 27.Nf6+ Qxf6 28.Rxf6 1-0

Lu,Albert (2323) - Shen,Christopher (2167) [E61]

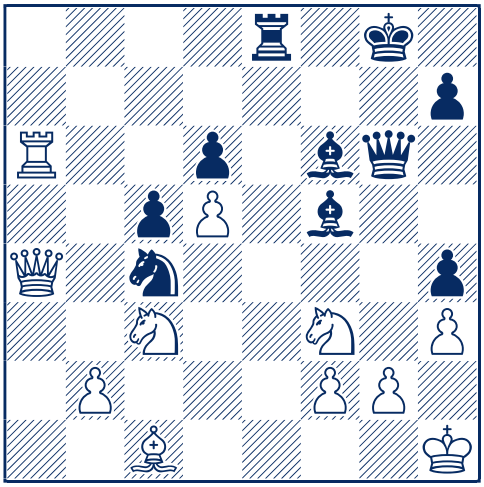
US Cadet (6), 2017-08-20

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Bg5 d6 6.e3 c5 7.Be2 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.0-0 Nxg3 11.hxg3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nc6 13.Qd2 Bd7 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.Rac1 Re8 16.b3 a6 17.Bf3 Qa5 18.Nd5 Qxd2 19.Rxd2 Ne5 20.Be2 Bc6 21.Rdc2 e6 22.Nb6 Rcd8 23.f4 Nd7 24.Nxc6 bxc6 25.Nxd7 Rxd7 26.c5 d5 27.Bxa6 Ra8 28.Bf1 Rda7 29.b4 Rb8 30.Rb1 Ra4 31.b5 Ra5 32.Rbc1 Bf8 33.b6 Be7 34.Bd3 Ra3 35.Bb5 cxb5 36.c6 Bd6 37.c7 Bxc7 38.bxc7 Rc8 39.Rb1 Ra7 40.Rxb5 ½-½

Li,Ben (2305) - Niemann,Hans (2254) [A61]

US Cadet (6), 2017-08-20

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Nd2 Bg7 8.e4 0-0 9.Be2 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.0-0 Re8 12.h3 Rb8 13.Qc2 Nh5 14.Bxh5 gxh5 15.a5 b5 16.axb6 Nxb6 17.Re1 f5 18.Qd1 Qg5 19.Kh1 Qg6 20.Ra3 h4 21.Nf3 Bf6 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.Rxa6 Nc4 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Qa4



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25…Bc2 (25…Ne5 26.Nxe5 Bxe5 27.Qxh4 Bf6 offers more resistance, when White has two traps to avoid: 28.Qg3? Qxg3 29.fxg3 Re1+ and 28.Qf4? Bxh3! 29.gxh3?? Re1+ 30.Kh2 Qg1#) 26.Qc6 (The material imbalance following 26.Qxc4 Bc2 27.Qa4 Bxa6 28.Qxa6 favors White.) 26…Bf5 27.Ra4 Ne5 28.Nxe5 Bxe5 29.Ra8 Bd7 30.Rxe8+ Qxe8 31.Qc7 Bf5 32.Bh6 Bd4 33.Kh2 Qe5+ 34.f4 Qe1 35.Qd8+ Kf7 36.Qf8+ Kg6 37.Qg8+ 1-0

Shen,Christopher (2167) - Huang,Andy (2178) [A20]

US Cadet (7), 2017-08-20

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 e4 5.Nc3 d5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Nh3 h6 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.Qb3 Bc6 12.e3 Qb6 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.0-0 g5 15.f3 exf3 16.Rxf3 Bg7 17.Nf2 0-0 18.Nd3 Ne4 19.Nb4 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Ra3 21.Rc1 Re8 22.Rff1 Rxe3 23.Nc2 Rexc3 24.Nxa3 Bxd4+ 25.Kh1 Rxa3 26.Rcd1 Bc5 27.Bxd5 Rxa2 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.Rf6 Kg7 30.Rdf1 Ra1 31.Rxf7+ Kg6 32.R7f6+ Kg7 ½-½

Niemann,Hans (2254) - Lu,Albert (2323) [D37]

US Cadet (7), 2017-08-20

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Be2 c5 9.0-0 Be6 10.Ne5 Qc8 11.Qa4 cxd4 12.exd4 Qb7 13.Bf3 a6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 Rd8 16.Rac1 b5 17.Qb3 Nbd7 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Na4 Ne4 20.Rfd1 Rac8 21.Nc3 Bg5 22.Rc2 Bf6 23.Ng4 Bg5 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.fxe3 Nxc3 26.Rxc3 Rxc3 27.Qxc3 Rc8 28.Qd3 Qd7 29.h3 Qc7 30.Qa3 a5 31.Qb3 Qg3 32.Qxb5 Rc2 33.Rf1 Bxh3 34.Qxd5 Rxb2 35.Be4 Qc7 36.Rxf7 1-0

Nguyen,Emily (2110) - Li,Ben (2305) [D35]

US Cadet (7), 2017-08-20

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 c6 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3 h6 9.Bh4 Re8 10.Nge2 Ne4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Ng3 f5 14.0-0 Na6 15.a3 Nc7 16.f3 exf3 17.Rxf3 Rf8 18.Nge2 Be6 19.Nf4 Qd6 20.Na4 Nd5 21.Nxd5 Qxd5 22.Nc5 b6 23.Nxe6 Qxe6 24.Rc1 Rac8 25.b4 Kh8 26.Kh1 Qd5 27.Rcf1 Rce8 28.h3 Qe4 29.Qc3 Rf6 30.Kh2 ½-½

Titus,Andrew (2131) - Yip,Carissa (2187) [B06]

US Cadet (7), 2017-08-20

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 a6 5.a4 b6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Bf4 h6 10.h4 Bb7 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Rad1 Nd7 13.b4 Nf6 14.Qe2 d5 15.exd5 Nexd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Bd3 Ne4 18.Qe3 Re8 19.Be5 f6 20.Bh2 Kg8 21.Ra1 g5 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Nd2 f5 24.Nxe4 dxe4 25.Bc4+ Kf8 26.Be5 Bxe5 27.dxe5 Rxe5 28.Rad1 Qe7? (Equal is 28…Qf6 as it protects vital squares on the kingside such as h6, avoids harassment from the rook on d1, and leaves the e7 square open for the king or rook.) 29.f4! gxf4 30.Qxf4 e3 31.Rd7! Qxd7 32.Qxe5 Be4 33.Qh8+ Ke7 34.Qg7+ Ke8 35.Qg8+ Ke7 36.Qf7+ Kd8 37.Qf8+ Qe8 38.Rd1+ 1-0

Nguyen,Trung (2181) - Kim,Yoon-Young (2293) [D10]

US Cadet (7), 2017-08-20

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Ne5 e6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.g3 c5 9.Bg2 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Na4 Be7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.Rc1 Qa5 15.Nc3 Rac8 16.Qd2 Qa6 17.h3 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Bc6 19.Qd4 Rd7 20.g4 Ne8 21.Bf4 Nd6 22.b3 f6 23.Bg3 Nf7 24.Na4 e5 25.Qd3 Qa5 26.Rc2 Rdd8 27.Rdc1 Bb5 28.Qf5 Bd7 29.Qd3 Rxc2 30.Rxc2 Bxa4 31.bxa4 Qxa4 32.Rc7 Kf8 33.Qxh7 Qxa2 34.g5 Qa1+ 35.Kh2 fxg5 36.Bf3 e4 37.Bh5 Qf6 38.Rxa7 Nh6 39.Qg6 Qxg6 40.Bxg6 Bd6 41.Ra6 Ke7 42.e3 Bxg3+ 43.Kxg3 Rd6 44.Rxd6 Kxd6 45.Be8 Ke5 46.Bd7 Ng8 47.Bc6 Nf6 48.Bb7 Kd6 49.Bc8 Kc5 50.Bb7 Kc4 51.Ba6+ Kc3 52.Bb7 Kd2 53.Bc6 Ke1 54.Kg2 Kd2 55.Kg3 Ke2 56.Kg2 Kd3 57.Kg3 d4 58.exd4 Kxd4 59.Bb7 Ke5 60.Bc6 Kf5 61.Bb5 Nh5+ 62.Kg2 Kf4 63.Be8 Nf6 64.Bc6 Ng8 65.Bd7 Ne7 66.Be6 Ng6 67.Bd7 Nh4+ 68.Kf1 Nf3 69.Kg2 Ne5 70.Bc8 g4 71.hxg4 Nxg4 72.Bb7 Ne5 73.Bd5 Ng6 74.Bb7 Nh4+ 75.Kf1 Kf3 76.Ba6 Nf5 77.Be2+ Kf4 78.Kg2 Nd4 79.Bc4 Nc2 80.Bb5 Ne1+ 81.Kf1 Nd3 82.Kg2 Kg4 83.Bd7+ Kf4 84.Bb5 g5 85.Bc6 Ne5 86.Bb5 Kg4 87.Be2+ Kh4 88.Bd1 Nd3 89.Bb3 Nf4+ 90.Kf1 Kg4 91.Bc2 Nd3 92.Ba4 Kf3 93.Bd1+ Kf4 94.Kg2 g4 95.Ba4 Ne1+ 96.Kf1 Nf3 97.Kg2 Nh4+ 98.Kf1 Nf5 99.Kg2 e3 100.fxe3+ Nxe3+ 101.Kg1 g3 102.Bc6 Ng4 103.Kg2 Ne3+ 104.Kg1 Kg4 105.Bd7+ Kf3 106.Bc6+ Ke2 107.Bb5+ Ke1 ½-½

Huang,Andy (2178) - Kim,Yoon-Young (2293) [C77]

US Cadet (8), 2017-08-21

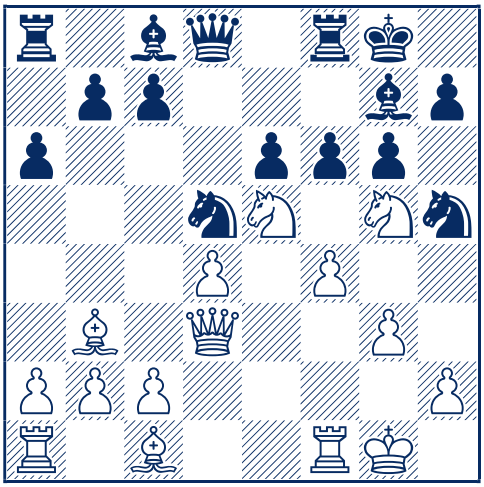
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Nc3 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.0-0 d6 8.d3 Na5 9.Ng5 Nxb3 10.axb3 h6 11.Nf3 Bb7 12.Ne2 0-0 13.c4 Re8 14.Bd2 Bf8 15.Qc2 Qd7 16.Rfd1 c5 17.Nh4 g6

18.Ra5 b4 19.Rf1 Qd8 20.Raa1 Nxe4 21.dxe4 Qxh4 22.Ng3 Bg7 23.Rfd1 Re6 24.f3 Rf8 25.Be3 Qe7 26.Rd2 h5 27.Rad1 Rc8 28.Kh1 h4 29.Nf1 h3 30.gxh3 f5 31.Rg2 f4 32.Bd2 Qh4 33.Qd3 Qxh3 34.Kg1 Kf7 35.Kf2 Bf6 36.Rg1 Rg8 37.Be1 g5 38.Ke2 Be7 39.Rd2 Reg6 40.Rg4 Bc8 41.Rg1 g4 42.Kd1 Qxf3+ 43.Qxf3 gxf3 44.Rxg6 Rxg6 45.Rf2 0-1

Yip,Carissa (2187) - Nguyen,Trung (2181) [B06]

US Cadet (8), 2017-08-21

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 a6 4.f4 d5 5.Nf3 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Nd7 7.Bc4 e6 8.0-0 Ngf6 9.Neg5 Nb6 10.Bb3 0-0 11.Ne5 Nbd5 12.Qd3 Nh5 13.g3 f6



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14.Nxh7 Kxh7 15.Qxg6+ Kg8 16.Nf3 Qe8 17.Qxe8 Rxe8 18.c4 Nhxf4 19.gxf4 Ne7 20.Bd2 Nf5 21.Rae1 Rd8 22.Bc3 Kf7 23.d5 Bf8 24.Kh1 Bc5 25.Nd2 Nd6 26.Bd1 Rh8 27.b4 Ba7 28.Bb3 Rh3 29.c5 Rxc3 30.dxe6+ Ke7 31.cxd6+ cxd6 32.Ne4 Rxb3 33.axb3 f5 34.Ng5 b5 35.h4 Bb7+ 36.Kh2 Bb6 37.Kg3 Rh8 38.Re2 Rc8 39.h5 Rh8 40.Rh2 Rh6 41.Re1 Bd5 42.Nf7 Rxe6 43.Rxe6+ Bxe6 44.Ng5 Bxb3 45.h6 Bd4 46.h7 Bh8 47.Rh6 d5 48.Rxa6 d4 49.Ra8 d3 50.Rxh8 d2 51.Rd8 Kxd8 52.h8Q+ Ke7 53.Qe5+ Kf8 54.Qd6+ 1-0

Li,Ben (2305) - Titus,Andrew (2131) [D37]

US Cadet (8), 2017-08-21

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.a3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Qa5 10.0-0-0 Be7 11.g4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 e5 13.g5 exf4 14.gxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Ne7 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Rhg1+ Kh8 18.Qe4 Ng6 19.Qd4 Qb6 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Rd6 Bh3 22.Rxb6 Rfc8 23.b3 Rxa3 24.Kb2 Rca8 25.Rxf6 Ra2+ 26.Kc3 Rxf2 27.Ng5 fxe3 28.Rxf7 Rxf7 29.Nxf7+ Kg7 30.Rg3 Bd7 31.Rxe3 Bf5 ½-½

Lu,Albert (2323) - Nguyen,Emily (2110) [D10]

US Cadet (8), 2017-08-21

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Bf4 Nf6 5.e3 Nc6 6.Bd3 e6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nc3 b6 11.a3 Bb7 12.Qe2 Rac8 13.Rac1 h6 14.h3 Qe7 15.Rc2 Na5 16.Ne5 Ne4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.b4 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Rfc1 Qd7 21.Qa6 Ra8 22.Qe2 Rac8 23.Qg4 f5 24.Qg3 Bb7 25.Ne2 Rxc2 26.Rxc2 Rc8 27.Rxc8+ Bxc8 28.Qe5 Qd5 29.Qc7 Qd7 30.Qc4 Bb7 31.Nf4 Bd5 32.Qc2 Kf7 33.Qe2 Kg8 34.Qh5 Qf7 35.Qh4 Qc7 36.Qg3 Bb3 37.Kh2 Bc4 38.Ng6 Qxg3+ 39.Kxg3 Bb5 40.h4 Kf7 41.Ne5+ Kf6 42.f3 exf3 43.Kxf3 Ke7 44.e4 fxe4+ 45.Kxe4 Kd6 46.g4 Bf1 47.Nf7+ Ke7 48.Ne5 Bg2+ 49.Kd3 Bf1+ 50.Ke4 Bg2+ 51.Kd3 Bf1+ ½-½

Shen,Christopher (2167) - Niemann,Hans (2254) [A04]

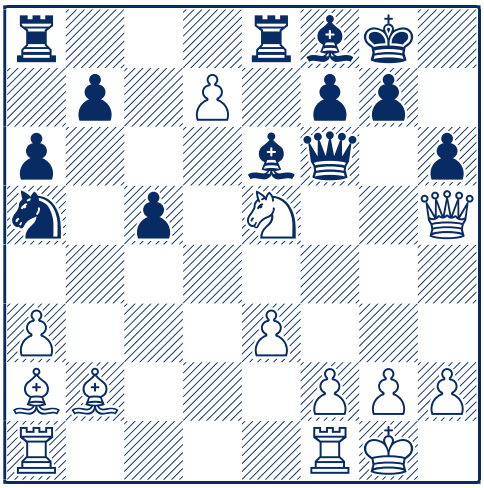
US Cadet (8), 2017-08-21

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.g3 Qb6 6.Nf3 Bc5 7.e3 Nf6 8.Bg2 d5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.0-0 0-0 11.e4 Ndb4 12.Nc3 Qa6 13.Qe2 Qxe2 14.Nxe2 b6 15.Rd1 Ba6 16.Bf1 f5 17.Nf4 fxe4 18.Bxa6 Nxa6 19.Ng5 e5 20.Nfe6 Bxf2+ 21.Kg2 Nc5 22.Nxf8 Rxf8 23.Rd6 Nb4 24.Bd2 Nc2 25.Rc1 Nd4 26.Rxc5 bxc5 27.Nxe4 Nf5 28.Rd7 Bd4 29.b3 Rc8 30.g4 Nh4+ 31.Kg3 Ng6 32.Bh6 gxh6 33.Nf6+ Kf8 34.Nxh7+ Ke8 35.Nf6+ ½-½

Niemann,Hans (2254) - Huang,Andy (2178) [A00]

US Cadet (9), 2017-08-21

1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Bxb4 3.Bxe5 Nf6 4.e3 0-0 5.c4 Re8 6.Bb2 d5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Be2 Bf5 10.0-0 h6 11.a3 Bf8 12.d4 a6 13.Nbd2 Nb6 14.Nc4 Nxc4 15.Bxc4 Na5 16.Ba2 c5 17.Ne5 Be6 18.d5 Bc8 19.Qh5 Qf6 20.d6 Be6 21.d7 1-0



(black to move)

It's unclear whether Black lost on time or missed that 21…Red8 22.Nc4 Qe7 23.Nxa5 doesn't actually win a piece due to the clever 23…Bxa2 24.Rxa2 (24.Qf3 Be6 25.Nxb7 Rxd7 26.Nxc5! maintains a slight edge.) 24…Qe6! 25.Raa1 b6!

Nguyen,Emily (2110) - Shen,Christopher (2167) [A41]

US Cadet (9), 2017-08-21

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.c4 Bf5 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.Nxe4 Bxe4 8.Bf4 0-0 9.0-0 c5 10.Be3 Qb6 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.d5 Na5 13.b3 Bxa1 14.Rxa1 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 e5 16.Bh6 f6 17.Bxf8 Rxf8 18.h4 Kg7 19.e4 Qb4 20.Qd3 a6 21.Be2 Rb8 22.h5 b5 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.Kg2 bxc4 25.bxc4 Qb2 26.Rh1 Qd4 27.Qc2 Rb4 28.a3 Rb3 29.Rh4 g5 30.Rh5 Rxa3 31.Bf3 Nxc4 32.Qb1 Qb2 33.Qh1 Ne3+ 0-1

Kim,Yoon-Young (2293) - Yip,Carissa (2187) [D85]

US Cadet (9), 2017-08-21

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Qa4+ Bd7 8.Qa3 0-0 9.Nf3 Qc8 10.Be3 c5 11.Rc1 Rd8 12.Be2 Bg4 13.0-0 Nd7 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 e5 16.Rfd1 Qc7 17.Be2 a6 18.f3 Rac8 19.Bg5 Re8 20.Be3 Kh8 21.Qb3 Nf8 22.a4 Red8 23.d5 Rd6 24.Rb1 Rb8 25.Qa3 Nd7 26.Rb3 c4 27.Rb4 b5 28.axb5 axb5 29.Rdb1 Bf8 30.Rxb5 Rxb5 31.Rxb5 Rxd5 32.Qa4 Bc5 33.Qa8+ Kg7 34.Qxd5 Bxe3+ 35.Kh2 Qa7 36.Qd1 Bf4+ 37.Kh1 Nf6 38.Qe1 Nh5 39.g4 Ng3+ 40.Kg2 Qa2 41.Kf2 h5 42.Qd1 hxg4 43.hxg4 Qa8 ½-½

Titus,Andrew (2131) - Lu,Albert (2323) [C85]

US Cadet (9), 2017-08-21

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Qe1 Be6 8.b3 Nd7 9.Bb2 f6 10.d4 Bd6 11.dxe5 fxe5 12.Nbd2 0-0 13.h3 Bf7 14.Qe3 h6 15.Rfd1 Bh5 16.g4 Bg6 17.Nf1 Qf6 18.Kg2 h5 19.Ng3 hxg4 20.hxg4 Qf4 21.Nh2 Qxe3 22.fxe3 Nc5 23.Rf1 Nxe4 24.Nf5 Rf6 25.Nh4 Bh7 26.Rxf6 gxf6 27.Nf5 Kf7 28.Rf1 Bc5 29.Bc1 Nd6 30.Ng3 Bxc2 31.Nh5 f5 32.Bb2 Be4+ 33.Kg3 Ke6 34.Ng7+ Kf6 35.Nxf5 Bxf5 36.gxf5 Nxf5+ 37.Kf3 Nxe3 38.Re1 Rh8 39.Rh1 Rh3+ 40.Ke2 Ke6 41.Bxe5 Bd6 42.Bxd6 cxd6 43.Kd2 Rxh2+ 0-1

Nguyen,Trung (2181) - Li,Ben (2305) [D02]

US Cadet (9), 2017-08-21

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.Bg2 Qa5+ 6.Bd2 Qb6 7.Qc2 Nc6 8.0-0 e6 9.Bg5 Ne4 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nbd2 Nb4 12.Qb1 Nxg5 13.Nxg5 Be7 14.Ngf3 0-0 15.Nb3 d3 16.exd3 Bf5 17.Rd1 Bf6 18.a3 Nc2 19.Qxc2 Rac8 20.Qd2 Qxb3 21.Qf4 Bxd3 22.Ne5 Bc2 ½-½

FMs Carissa Yip and Ben Li with Alex Relyea

67th NH Open

Nashua – July 8 - 9, 2017

The 67th New Hampshire Open was held July 8-9, 2017 at the Nashua Courtyard Marriott. Like the 60th NHO in 2010, this was a special event where NHCA went "all in" to make the tournament truly memorable: a much larger prize fund than usual ($5,467.00), fully guaranteed – at the most spectacularly beautiful playing site in NH, plus lots of extras like free coffee and refreshments for the players all weekend. The tournament drew 104 players in five sections, less than we had hoped for but still a good turnout. Hal Terrie, Bob Messenger and Paul Kolojeski directed for the NHCA.

In the 19-player Open section, the top-ranked players at the start were GM Alexander Ivanov and IM David Vigorito, with seven players 2200 or higher. In the first round, most of the top players won, with two exceptions. Third-ranked FM Brad Bournival (2385) was nicked for a draw by NHCA President John Elmore (2078). Despite some adventures in time pressure, Elmore reached a drawn position with a pawn for the exchange and held solidly. The other upset was Suraj Ramanathan (2154), who lost to Abhinav Chinnambeti (1746) after a blunder in a wild time scramble.

Before the second round even began, there was already another surprise. IM Denys Shmelov (2502) arrived and joined the tournament with a half-point bye for round 1. This resulted in a rude surprise for FM Bournival, who found himself paired with Shmelov instead of a lower player. Shmelov won the game and that was enough for Bournival, who withdrew. An even bigger surprise though was GM Ivanov's loss to NM David Carter (2251) of VT. In an even position, Ivanov lost on time before he could complete his 40th move. Carter followed up with another upset in round 3, downing IM Joe Fang (2368). Meanwhile, IM Vigorito was held to a draw by NM Michael Isakov (2264), also in round 3.

Entering the final round, NM Carter stood alone at 3-0, followed by IM Vigorito and NM Isakov at 2.5 and five players at 2.0, headed by IM Shmelov. In a masterful display of endgame technique, Vigorito took out Carter to reach 3.5. Meanwhile, Shmelov downed Isakov, leaving Vigorito as the sole winner of the section. As the highest scoring NH resident, IM Joe Fang (who finished with 3.0) won the NH Champion title once again. I have lost count of the number of NH titles he has won but I think it's somewhere between 15 and 20. Congratulations, Joe!

In the 18-player Under 2050 section, top-ranked Nowell Sheinwald (2017), prevailed with a 3.5 score. In the 22-player Under 1850 section, the top-ranked player at the start was Joseph Bennett (1832), who had a big winning streak coming into this tournament. In May, he won the U1800 section at the Mass Open and followed this with a tie for first in the U1900 section of the Kopec Memorial. At the NHO, he jumped out to a 3-0 start and faced the only other player at 3-0 in the final round – 10-year old Tianna Wang (1611). His streak came to an end when he played very badly, got in trouble and finally dropped a full rook. Full credit to young Tianna though, who played well to exploit Bennett's questionable opening play.

In the 16-player Under 1650 section, the top-ranked player once again finished first. Vittal Ranganath (1639) scored 4-0, winning by a full point over Mike Radford and Jeffrey Liu, who each finished with 3-1. Finally, in the 29-player Under 1450 section, 4th ranked Thomas King (1305) finished clear first with a 4-0 score. A close second was NH's own Art Learnard (1400), who scored 3.5-0.5.

One final note. The first annual Chevalier Memorial prize of $100 was scheduled to go to the top scoring NH resident under age 21 in the top section – but there were none! So, the decision was made to go to the next section (the Under 2050) to find a qualifying player. The prize went to Robert Sawdey, who is NH's High School Champion and represented us at the Denker Tournament of HS Champions, held at the US Open in Norfolk, VA.

-Hal Terrie

One half of the tournament hall, with the top eight pairings roped off against the back wall complete with demonstration boards, which the tournament directors strove to keep up to date.

OPEN (CHAMPIONSHIP) SECTION

FM Bournival,Braden (2385) - Elmore,John (2096) [B03]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Rc1 0-0 9.b3 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Be2 Ned7 12.Nf3 Nf6

All of this is theory. Brad now chooses the least common of the three moves which have been tried for White here (the other two being 0-0 and Nd4).

13.h3 Nbd7 14.0-0 Nc5 15.b4 Nfe4 16.Nb5

The most ambitious try. Exchanging on e4 just gives Black what he wants. [Another way to go is the less committal 16.Bd4 Nxc3 17.Rxc3 Ne4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qd4+ Nf6 when White has a nice space advantage and good practical chances to increase his edge.

16...Nd7

A normal human response, conceding a pawn. (The computer says that the only way to hold the balance here is the complex 16...a6 17.Nbd4 e5 which could be difficult for a human to select.)

17.Bxa7

17.Nxa7 is also possible.

17...Nc3 18.Nxc3 Rxa7 19.a4 Ne5 20.Nxe5

20.Nd4 looks like a better way to go.

20...Bxe5 21.a5

Better is 21.Nb5 Ra8 22.c5 which is similar to the game but without allowing Black to exchange his b-pawn.

21...b6 22.Nb5 Ra8 23.axb6 Qxb6 24.c5 dxc5 25.bxc5 Qf6 26.Qb3 Ba6 27.Qb4

27.c6

27...Rfb8 28.Rb1 Ra7 29.f4 Bc7 30.Qd4?

This move throws away all of White's advantage. The queens should stay on the board for a while.

30...Qxd4+ 31.Nxd4 Rxb1 32.Rxb1 Bxf4! 33.Nc6 Bxe2!?

Conceding the exchange like this ends up working but it wasn't necessary. (If memory serves, Black was in time pressure here, so he can be forgiven if he overlooked that he could save the exchange with 33...Rb7. This looks dangerous because it gives up the e-pawn. However, after 34.Rxb7 Bxb7 35.Nxe7+ Kf8 36.c6 Kxe7 37.cxb7 Kd8 Black has reached a drawn opposite bishop ending.

34.Nxa7 Be3+ 35.Kh1 Bxc5 36.Nc6 Bd3 37.Rd1

The computer points out a tactical trick here: 37.Re1 Kf8 38.Nxe7! Bxe7 39.d6. After 39...Bxd6 40.Rd1 when Black gets to choose which bishop he keeps but given his extra pawn, it's probably going to be drawn either way.

37...Be4 38.Re1 Bxd5 39.Nxe7+ Bxe7 40.Rxe7 Kg7

With White having a pawn less, there will just be no way to make progress and Black can hold the draw.

41.Kh2 h5 42.h4 Kf6 43.Ra7 Be6 44.Ra5 Bf5 45.Kg3 Be6 46.Kf4 Bg4 47.Ra6+ Be6 48.g3 Kg7 49.Ke5 Bg4 50.Rf6 Bd1 51.Rf4 Bb3 52.Kd6 Ba2 53.Rb4 Be6 54.Ke5 Ba2 55.Rb6 Bc4 56.Kf4 Be2 57.Rc6 Bd1 58.Ke5 Bb3 59.Kd6 Be6 60.Ke7 Ba2 61.Rf6 Bb3 62.Rf4 Be6 63.Re4 Bb3 64.g4 hxg4 65.Rxg4 Be6 66.Rg1 Bb3 67.Kd6 Kh6 68.Rg5 Bc2 69.Ke5 Kg7 70.Rg3 Bd1 ½-½

FM Braden Bournival vs John Elmore

McCartney,Patrick (2054) - IM Fang,Joe (2368) [C55]

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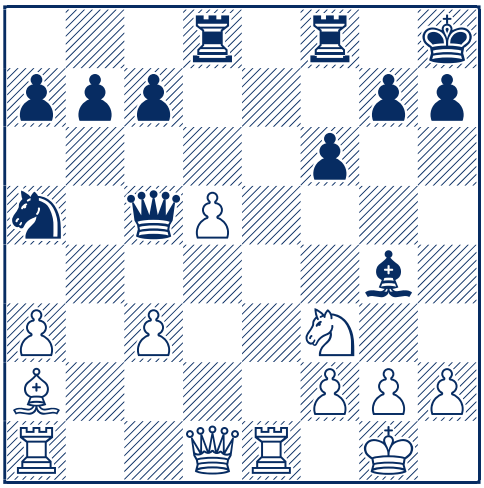
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.Nbd2 Na5 8.Bb5 c5 9.Re1 Qc7 10.Nf1 Nc6 11.Qe2 Re8

12.Bg5 Be6 13.Bc4 Rad8 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Ne3 Ne7 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Ng4 Rf8 18.d4 exd4 19.Nxf6+ Rxf6 20.cxd4 Rdf8 21.dxc5 dxc5 22.e5 Rf5 23.Qc4 Nd5 24.Rac1 b6 25.Nd4?? *(Hal Terrie)* Rf4 26.Nxe6 Rxc4 27.Nxc7 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Nxc7-+ 29.b4 Ne6 30.bxc5 Nxc5 31.Re1 Rf5 32.Re3 Kf7 33.g3 g5 34.Kh1 Rxf2 0-1

Kind,Michael (1926) - Ellenbogen,Michael (2194) [C01]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 Ne7 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Nf3 Bf5 9.Be2 Nbc6 10.0-0 Qd7 11.Bd2 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Rad8 13.Bg5 Kh8 14.d5 Na5 15.Ne5 Qd6 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Re1 Qc5 18.Ba2 f6 19.Nf3 Bg4



(white to move)

20.Qd3 (20.Qd4! Qxd4 21.Nxd4±) 20...Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Nc4 22.Qd3 b5 23.Bb1 f5 24.Qh3 Rxd5 25.Bc2 Rd2 26.Bxf5 Qxf2+ 27.Kh1 Rxf5 28.g4 Rf3 29.Re8+ Rf8 30.Rxf8+ Qxf8 31.g5 Qa8+ 32.Kg1 Ne3 0-1

GM Ivanov,Alexander (2568) - Wood,Christopher (2141)

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Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nb5 d6 6.Bf4 e5 7.Be3 Be6

Far more common are ...Nf6 or ...a6.

8.N1c3 h6?!

8...a6 or Nf6 are the usual moves.

9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5 Nb8 11.c4 a6 12.Nc3 Nd7 13.Bd3 Ngf6 14.0-0 g6

This is just too slow. Black should play 14...Be7 and hope for the best.

15.b4 Bg7 16.c5 dxc5 17.bxc5 0-0 18.Rc1 e4 19.Bxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 f5 21.Nd6 f4 22.Bd4 f3 23.g3 Qg5 24.Rc3 Qg4

24...Qxd5 25.Bxg7 Qxd1 26.Rxd1 Kxg7 27.Nxb7+-

25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Re1 Rf4 27.h3 Qxh3 28.Rxf3 Rxf3 29.Qxf3 Rf8 30.Re7+ Kg8 31.Rf7 Rxf7 32.Qxf7+ Kh8 33.Ne8 1-0

NM Isakov,Michael (2264) - Dame,Erin (2032) [E14]

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Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.e3 b6 6.a3

This is probably the most ambitious move but it has lost popularity among top players. By far the most common move here is 6.Bd3.

6...Be7 7.b3!? Bb7 8.Bb2 d5 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.0-0

By an unusual move order the players have transposed back to a position well-known to theory.

10...c5 11.Qe2 Ne4 12.Rfd1 f5

This looks a little "loose." Black achieved a simple equality after 12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd2 14.Rxd2 Nf6 15.Rad1 Rc8 in the game Adianto,U (2615)-Morovic Fernandez,I (2580) Buenos Aires 1997 which was ½-½ in 32 moves.

13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ba6 Bxa6 15.Qxa6 Bh4?!

15...Qc7 (or even ...Qc8) would be better, giving some cover to the light squares on the queenside.

16.g3 Bf6?

Better 16...Be7 17.Qb7 Ndf6

17.Qb7 cxd4 18.Qxd5+ Kh8 19.Bxd4 Ndc5 20.Qxd8 Rfxd8 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Nd4 Nxd2 23.Rxd2 Rxd4 24.Rxd4 Nxb3 25.Rad1 Nxd4 26.Rxd4 Rc8 27.Rd7 a5 28.Rb7 Rc3 29.Rxb6 Kg7 30.Rb5 Rxa3 31.Rxf5 Kg6 32.Rb5 h5 33.Kg2 Ra2 34.Kf3 Ra3 35.h3

35.h4!?

35...Ra2 36.e4 Ra3+ 37.Kf4 h4? 38.gxh4 Rxh3 39.Kg4 Ra3 40.h5+ Kg7 41.Rb7+ Kg8 42.h6?

Not the best but White is probably winning either way. (42.f4 a4 43.Kf5+-)

42...Ra2 43.Kf3

43.f4 Rh2

43...Ra3+ 44.Kg4 Ra2 45.Rg7+ Kh8 46.Kf3 Ra3+ 47.Kf4 Rh3 48.Rg6 Rh4+ 49.Kf5 Kh7 50.Rxf6 Rh5+ 51.Kf4 Rxh6 52.Rxh6+ Kxh6 53.Ke5 1-0

Li,Jerry (2129) - IM Vigorito,David (2436) [B92]

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Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qd3

This move is a good illustration of the kind of thing established Masters are up against these days. By far the most common move here is 9 Be3, with 2600 examples in the ChessBase database, followed closely by moves like 9 Kh1 and 9 a4.

The move played in the game is way down the list, with 198 examples. However, a closer look reveals that 9 Qd3 received a lot of attention from top Chinese GMs in the last two years - Li Chao, Hou Yifan and Wang Yue (all at or near 2700) all played it. This year, after After Hou Yifan played it against another 2700 GM, Ian Nepomniatchi, Nepomniatchi began playing it himself.

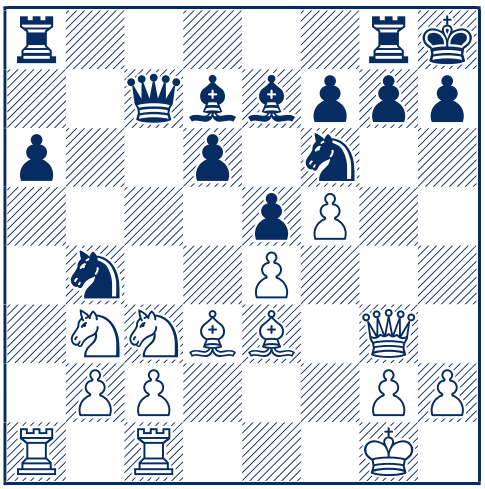
So, it is possible that Jerry Li has used ChessBase to study the latest trends in this opening and prepared the move for use against unwary opponents. I see this kind of thing all the time these days. Oh yes, Jerry Li is 11 years old.

9...Be6 10.Qg3

A sideline within a sideline. All the recent GM games continued with 10.Bd2 Nbd7 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nc5 13.Nxc5 dxc5 14.c4

10...Nc6 11.f4 Kh8 12.Be3 b5 13.a3 b4 14.axb4 Nxb4 15.f5 Bd7 16.Rfc1 Qc7 17.Bd3 Rg8!

Suddenly, it is Black who threatens to attack on the kingside, by opening the g-file.



(white to move)

18.Bg5?! Nh5 19.Qh4 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 Nf6

The computer prefers 20...Qb6+ 21.Kh1 Nxd3 22.cxd3 Nf4 picking off a pawn due to the double attack on d3 and b3.

21.Nd2 h6 22.Qh4 Rgc8 23.Nc4 Bb5 24.Nxb5 axb5 25.Na3 Qc5+ 26.Kf1 d5 27.exd5 Nxd3 28.cxd3 Qxd5 29.Qg3 Rxc1+ 30.Rxc1 Ra4 31.Qe3? Ng4 32.Qg3 Rf4+ 33.Ke1 Qd4 34.Rc8+ Kh7 35.h3 Qg1+ 36.Kd2 Rf2+ 37.Kc3 Qc1+ 38.Kb3 0-1

Zhou,David (1993) - NM Carter,David (2251) [C61]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Re1+ Ne7 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Qf3 Qa5 12.Nd2 Qxb5 13.Nb3 a5 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Qf6 Rh7 17.Bg3 Ra6 18.Qe5 Re6 19.Qb8 a4 20.Nxc5 Qxc5 21.Rac1 Nf5 22.Bc7 Ne7 23.h3 Rc6 24.Bd8 f6 25.Re2 Qd6 26.Qxd6 Rxd6 27.Ba5 Re6 28.Rce1 Rxe2 29.Rxe2 Nc6 30.Bb6 Kf7 31.a3 Rh8 32.b4 axb3 33.cxb3 Bf5 34.Rd2 Ra8 35.a4 Ra6 36.Bc5 b6 37.Bd6 Ne5 0-1

Ramanathan,Suraj (2154) - Chinnambeti,Abhinav (1746)

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.0-0 g6 5.d4 Bg7 6.c4 0-0 7.Nc3 dxc4 8.Ne5 Ng4 9.Nxg4 Bxg4 10.h3 Be6 11.d5 cxd5 12.Nxd5

Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Qc7 14.Qc2 Nd7 15.Qxc4 Qxc4 16.Bxc4 Rac8 17.Bd5 b6 18.Rb1 Nc5 19.b3 Rfd8 20.Bf3 Ne6 21.Be3 Rc2 22.a4 Nd4 23.Bxd4 Rxd4 24.Rfd1 Rcd2 25.Rdc1 Be5 26.e3 Rd7 27.Kf1 Rb2 28.Rxb2 Bxb2 29.Rc2 Ba3 30.Ke2 Bc5 31.Bc6 Rd6 32.Bb5 a5 33.Bc4 Kg7 34.e4 e6 35.f4 Kf8 36.e5 Rd8 37.Bd3 Kg7 38.Rc4 Rd4 39.Rc1 Rd8 40.Rf1 Re8 41.g4 Kg8 42.Rf3 Kg7 43.Bc4 Rd8 44.Rf1 Rd4 45.Bd3 Rd5 46.Rd1 Rd8 47.Rf1 Rd5 48.h4 Rd4 49.Rf3 Rd5 50.Kd2 Bb4+ 51.Kc2 Bc5 52.Bc4 Rd8 53.f5 exf5 54.gxf5 gxf5 55.Rxf5 Rd7 56.h5 h6 57.Rf4 Re7 58.Rg4+ Kh8 59.Re4 Bd6 60.Bxf7 Rxe5 61.Rd4 Bc5 62.Rd8+ Kg7 63.Bg6 Kf6 64.Rd2 Re7 65.Rg2 Rg7 66.Rg3 Re7 67.Rf3+ Kg7 68.Kd3 Rd7+ 69.Ke2 Re7+ 0-1

No more moves recorded. Black eventually won after White made a tactical error in time pressure. -*Hal Terrie*

Chinnambeti,Abhinav (1808) - NM Isakov,Michael (2264)

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

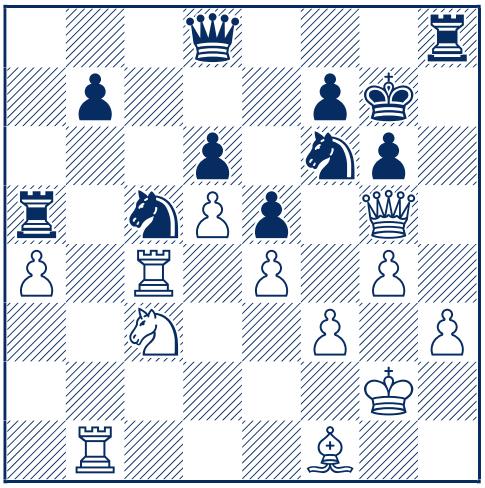
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 a6 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.a3 c5 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Be2 Qb6 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Rac1 h6 17.b4 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Qxe3+ 19.Kh1 Ne4 20.Qb2 Nxc3 21.Rce1 Na4 22.Qa1 Qc3 23.Rc1 Qxa1 24.Rxa1 Nc3 25.Bd3 Rfd8 26.Bc2 Bxf3 27.Rxf3 Nb1 28.Rxb1 Rxc2 29.Rbf1 Rdd2 30.Rg3 f5 31.h3 Kf7 32.Re1 Kf6 33.Rf3 e5 34.Rff1 e4 35.Rc1 Ke5 0-1

NM David Carter vs GM Alexander Ivanov

NM Carter,David (2251) - GM Ivanov,Alexander (2568)

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Nc3 c6 5.e4 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 e5 7.d5 Be7 8.Be2 cxd5 9.cxd5 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Bd2 a6 12.b4 Ne8 13.Qh3 h6 14.a4 Bg5 15.Bxg5 hxg5 16.Qe3 a5 17.bxa5 Nc5 18.Rfb1 Rxa5 19.Rb4 g6 20.g4 Nc7 21.Ra3 Qf6 22.Kg2 Rfa8 23.f3 Kg7 24.Ra1 Rh8 25.Rab1 Qd8 26.h3 Ne8 27.Bf1 Nc7 28.Qd2 Rf8 29.Rb6 Ne8 30.R6b4 Rh8 31.Rc4 Nf6 32.Qxg5



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32...Nxd5 33.Qxd8 Nf4+ 34.Kg3 Rxd8 35.Rd1 Rda8 36.Rxd6 Nxa4 37.Nd5 Nxd5 38.exd5 Nc5 39.Rb6 R8a7 40.Rcb4 and Black lost on time 1-0

IM Fang,Joe (2368) - Ellenbogen,Michael (2194) [A07]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.d3 e6 5.Nbd2 Be7 6.b3 h6 7.Bb2 0-0 8.0-0 a5 9.a3 Na6 10.Re1 c6 11.e4 Bh7 12.Qe2 Nc5 13.Ne5 Ncd7 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bxd5 Rc8 17.Rac1 Nc5 18.Bc4 Bf6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.a4 Bf5 21.Qe5 Qg6 22.Nf3 Bg4 23.Nh4 Qg5 24.f3 Bh5 25.f4 Qxe5 26.Rxe5 Bg4 27.d4 Nxa4 28.Bf1 Nc3 29.h3 f6 30.Rxa5 Bxh3 31.Bxh3 Ne2+ 32.Kf2 Nxc1 33.Bxe6+ Kh7 34.Bf5+ Kg8 35.Ra1 Nxb3 36.Be6+ Kh7 37.Bxb3 Rfd8 38.d5 Rc3 39.Rd1 g5 40.Nf5 Kg6 41.Ne7+ Kh5 42.fxg5 Kxg5 43.d6 h5 44.Rd5+ Kg4 45.Rd4+ Kg5 46.Kg2 b6 47.Rd5+ Kh6 48.Kf2 Rc5 49.Rxc5 bxc5 50.Be6 Re8 51.d7 Rxe7 52.Bh3 1-0

Wood,Chris (2141) - Zhou,David (1993) [E69]

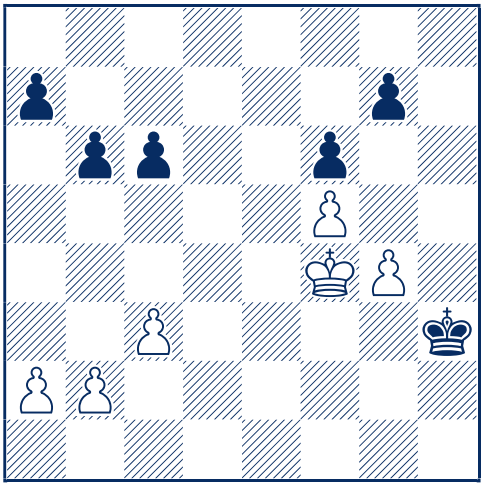
67th NH Open Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 c6 8.e4 Qc7 9.h3 e5 10.d5 c5 11.Ne1 a6 12.a4 Ne8 13.Nd3 f5 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Ne5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Be3 Nd6 18.Qe2 Bd7 19.a5 Rf7 20.Rfb1 f4 21.Bd2 fxg3 22.Be1 Qc8 23.Bxg3 Bxh3 24.Rf1 Bg4 25.Qd3 Rxf1+ 26.Bxf1 Qc7 27.Na4 Qxa5 28.Bf2 Rc8 29.b4 Qxb4 30.Qg3 Bd1 31.Be1 Qb3 32.Qh3 Rc7 33.Qe6+ Nf7 34.Nc3 Bc2 35.Ra2 Bxe4 36.Bh3 Bb1 37.Rf2 Bf5 38.Bxf5 gxf5 39.Qe8+ Bf8 40.Rg2+ Ng5 41.Rxg5+ Rg7 42.Qe6+ Kh8 43.Rxg7 Kxg7 44.Qxe5+ Kg6 45.Qe6+ Kg7 46.Bg3 Bd6 47.Bxd6 Qxc4 48.Be5+ Kf8 49.Qxf5+ Ke8 50.Qe6+ Kf8 51.Bf6 1-0

Dame,Erin (2032) - Li,Jerry (2140) [D00]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Nd2 Bd6 5.Bg3 b6 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.e4 Bxg3 9.hxg3 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Qxd4 11.Nf3 Qd8 12.Qe2 Qe7 13.0-0-0 Nbd7 14.Kb1 0-0-0 15.Nfg5 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 h6 17.Ba6 Nf6 18.Qc4 Kc7 19.Nc3 Nd5 20.Nxd5+ exd5 21.Qf4+ Qd6 22.Qa4 Rhe8 23.Rd3 Re4 M 24.Qxe4 dxe4 25.Rxd6 Rxd6 26.Bxb7 Kxb7 27.Kc1 Rf6 M 28.Rf1 e3 29.f4 Re6 30.Re1 Kc7 31.c3 Kd7 32.Kc2 Ke7 33.Kd3 Kf6 34.g4 Rd6+ 35.Kxe3 Re6+ 36.Kf2 Rxe1 37.Kxe1 h5 38.gxh5 Kf5 39.g3 Kg4 40.Kf2 Kxh5 41.Kf3 f6 42.f5 Kg5 43.g4 Kh4 44.Kf4 Kh3



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45.g5? (45.Kf3=) 45...Kg2? (45...c5 wins; after the queenside tempi are used up, Black wins the f-pawn.) 46.c4?? (46.gxf6 gxf6 47.Kg4 c5 48.Kh5 Kf3 49.Kg6 wins easily.) 46...Kf2? (Both 46...Kh3 and 46...fxg5+ 47.Kxg5 Kf3 are equal.) 47.b4? (47.gxf6 gxf6 48.Kg4 is still winning.) 47...a6? (47...fxg5+ 48.Kxg5 Kf3=) 48.a4? (48.gxf6 gxf6 49.Kg4+-) 48...b5? (48...fxg5+ 49.Kxg5 Ke3= [49...Kf3=]) 49.cxb5 cxb5 50.gxf6? (Too late. Now the winning line is 50.axb5 axb5 51.g6+-) 50...gxf6 51.axb5 axb5 52.Ke4 (52.Kg4?? Ke3 53.Kh5 Kf4 54.Kg6 Ke5-+) 52...Kg3 53.Kd5 Kf4 54.Kc5 Kxf5 55.Kxb5 Ke4 (55...Ke5?? 56.Kc5 f5 57.b5 f4 58.b6 f3 59.b7 f2 60.b8Q+ Ke4 61.Qb5 Kf3 62.Qf1+-) 56.Kc6 f5 57.b5 f4 ½-½

Elmore,John - Ramanathan,Suraj [A30]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.b3 g6 3.Bb2 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Be2 d5 6.0-0 c5 7.c4 e6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.d4 b6 10.Nbd2 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bb7 12.Qc2 Nbd7 13.Rac1 Rc8 14.Qb1 Qe7 15.Qa1 Nc5 16.Rc2 Nce4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Rfc1 a5 19.Nb5 Rxc2 20.Rxc2 Rc8 21.Rxc8+ Bxc8 22.Bd4 Qd8 23.Bc4 Ne8 24.h3 Bxd4 25.Qxd4 Qxd4 26.Nxd4 Nd6 27.Bd5 Bd7 28.Kh2 Kg7 29.Kg3 ½-½

IM Vigorito,David (2436) - NM Belanoff,Ted (2200) [E66]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 c5 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.d4 d6 8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 Nd7 10.Qc2 a6 11.b3 Rb8 12.Bb2 b5 13.Rab1 Ne5 14.Nce4 Bf5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.h3 Nf6 18.g4 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Bd7 20.f5 bxc4 21.f6+ Kh8 22.Qd2 Rg8 23.fxe7 Qxe7 24.Qxa5 f5 25.Qc3+ Rg7 26.Nf6 cxb3 27.Rxb3 Rxb3 28.axb3 Bb5 29.gxf5 gxf5 30.Nh5 1-0

NM Isakov,Michael (2264) - IM Vigorito,David (2436) [A41]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (3), 2017-07-09

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.e4 Bg4 5.Nc3 Bxf3 6.gxf3 Nc6 7.Be3 e5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Be2 Ne7 10.Qd2 f5 11.0-0-0 Qd7 12.Kb1 a6 13.Bg5 0-0 14.c5 fxe4 15.cxd6 N7c6 16.f4 Nf3 17.Qd5+ Kh8 18.Nxe4 Nxg5 19.fxg5 cxd6 20.h4 Qf5 ½-½

NM Carter,David (2251) - Fang,Joseph (2368) [E92]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (3), 2017-07-09

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.0-0 Ne8 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bh4 Na6 11.a3 Bd7 12.Ne1 h5 13.f3 Bh6 14.Bf2 f5 15.Nd3 Nf6 16.b4 fxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.fxe4 Qe7 19.Kh1 Rf7 20.Rb1 axb4 21.axb4 Raf8 22.Bf3 b6 23.Ra1 Bc8 24.Qe2 Nb8 25.Ra7 Qd8 26.c5 bxc5 27.bxc5 Nd7 28.Rb1 Bf4 29.c6 Nf6 30.Rb8 Qe7 31.Nxf4 exf4 32.h3 Re8 33.Bb6 Qe5 34.Rxc7 Rxc7 35.Bxc7 Nxd5 36.Qa2 Kh7 37.Qxd5 Qa1+ 38.Kh2 Rf8 39.Qd1 Qf6 40.Bxd6 Rg8 41.Qd2 1-0

Ellenbogen,Michael (2194) - Elmore,John (2078) [A12]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (3), 2017-07-09

Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.c4 c6 2.b3 d5 3.Bb2 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.g3 h6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.d3 0-0 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.Qc2 Bh7 11.a3 Ne8 12.b4 Bf6 13.Rac1 Nd6 14.c5 Ne8 15.Nb3 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 Qf6 17.Qxf6 Nexf6 18.Na5 Rab8 19.a4 Rfc8 20.b5 e5

On 20...cxb5 White plays 21.c6 (Not 21.axb5 Nxc5) 21...bxc6 22.Nxc6 winning the exchange.

21.Bh3 Rc7 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.Rb1 Re8 24.Rb7 Rxb7 25.Nxb7 g5 26.Bxd7 Nxd7 27.Rc1 g4 28.Nd2 Rb8 29.Na5 Rb2 30.Nf1 Nb8 31.Ne3 h5 32.Kf1 f5 33.Nxd5 cxd5 34.c6 Nxc6 35.Nxc6 e4 36.Ne7+ Kf7 37.Nxd5 exd3 38.exd3 Ke6 39.Nf4+ Ke5 40.Rc5+ Kd6 41.Ra5 h4 42.Rxa7 Bg8 43.Ra5 h3 44.Rxf5 Bb3 45.Rb5 Rb1+ 46.Ke2 Bd1+ 47.Ke3 Ra1 48.a5 Kc6 49.Rg5 Ra2 50.Rg6+ Kb7 51.Rb6+ Ka7 52.Rb1 Bc2 53.Rc1 Ka6 54.Nd5 Kxa5 55.Nf6 1-0

McCartney,Patrick (2054) - Wood,Christopher (2141) [B44]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (3), 2017-07-09

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Nf6 7.N1c3 Be7 8.Be3 a6 9.Na3 0-0 10.Nc2 b6 11.Be2 Bb7 12.0-0 Qc7 13.f3 Ne5 14.Qd4 Rac8 15.Qxb6 Qxb6 16.Bxb6 Nxc4 17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.Bf2 d5 19.Ne3 Rxc3 20.bxc3 dxe4 21.Rab1 Bc6 22.f4 Nd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Rb2 Bf6 25.Bd4 Bxd4+ 26.cxd4 g6 27.Rc1 Kg7 28.Kf2 Kf6 29.Ke3 g5 30.Rf2 gxf4+ 31.Rxf4+ Kg6 32.Rg4+ Kh5 33.Kf4 f6 34.Rc7 e5+ 35.Kg3 Rf7 36.Rxf7 Bxf7 37.dxe5 f5 38.Rh4+ Kg5 39.a3 h5 40.Rf4 Bc4 41.h4+ Kg6 42.Kf2 a5 43.Ke3 a4 44.Rf2 Bb3 45.Rd2 Kf7 46.Rd6 Ke7 47.g3 Bc2 48.Rf6 1-0

Ramanathan,Suraj (2154) - Dame,Erin (2032) [E11]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (3), 2017-07-09

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.g3 Ne4 6.Qc2 f5 7.Bg2 b6 8.a3 Bxd2+ 9.Nfxd2 d5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nc3 Bb7 13.e3 c6 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Rac1 g5 16.Rfe1 h5 17.h4 g4 18.Nd2 Nxc3 19.Qxc3 Nf6 20.Qb4 Qf7 21.Nb1 Ne4 22.Nc3 Nxc3 23.Qxc3 ½-½

Chinnambeti,Abhinav (1746) - GM Ivanov,Alexander (2565)

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (4), 2017-07-09

Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.f4 Qa5 5.Bd3 e5 6.dxe5 dxe5 7.a3 Bc5 8.h3 Nbd7 9.Bd2 Bxg1 10.Rxg1 Qb6 11.Ne2 exf4 12.Qc1 0-0 13.Bxf4 Re8 14.Be3 Qa5+ 15.Nc3 Ne5 16.Rf1 Be6 17.Bd4 Nfd7 18.Kf2 c5 19.Bxe5 Nxe5 20.Kg1 c4 21.Be2 Qb6+ 22.Kh1 Rad8 23.Rb1 Qd4 24.Qf4 f6 25.Rbd1 Qb6 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Rd1 Rxd1+ 28.Nxd1 c3 29.b4 a5 30.Nxc3 axb4 31.axb4 Qxb4 32.Qd2 h6 33.Qe3 Qb2 34.Qd2 Qb6 35.Qf4 Qd4 36.Nb5 Qb2 37.Qd2 Kh7 38.Qc3?

After this error, Ivanov picks off a pawn and slowly grinds out the win.

38...Qc1+ 39.Kh2 Qf4+ 40.Kg1 Qxe4 41.Bd3 Nxd3 42.Qxd3 Qxd3 43.cxd3 Bd7 44.Nc3 Kg6 45.Kf2 h5 46.Nd5 Kf5 47.Nb4 h4 48.Ke3 Bc6 49.Nxc6 bxc6 50.Kd4 Kf4 51.Kc5 Kg3 52.Kxc6 Kxg2 53.d4 Kxh3 54.d5 Kg3 55.d6 h3 56.d7 h2 57.d8Q h1Q+ 58.Kb5 Qb1+ 59.Kc4 Qe4+ 60.Kb5 Qe5+ 61.Kb4 Qf4+ 62.Kb5 g5 63.Qd3+ Qf3 64.Qd6+ Kh3 0-1

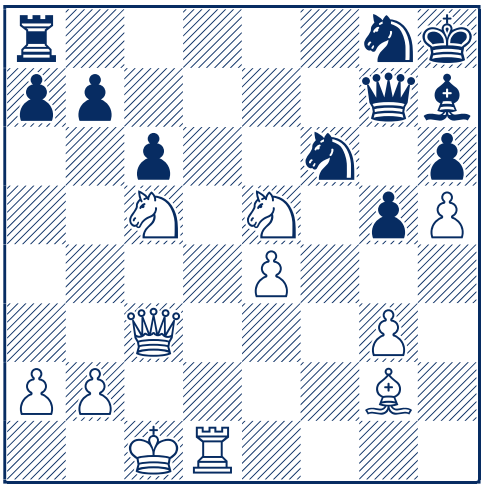
Ellenbogen,Michael (2194) - McCartney,Patrick (2054)

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (4), 2017-07-09

Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.d3 0-0 6.Bg5 c6 7.Qd2 Nbd7 8.Bh6 Bxh6 9.Qxh6 Kh8 10.Nf3 Ng8 11.Qd2 f6 12.h4 e5 13.h5 g5 14.0-0-0 Nb6 15.Ne1 Be6 16.f4 h6 17.Nf3 Qe7 18.fxg5 fxg5 19.c5 Nd5 20.cxd6 Qxd6 21.Ne4 Qc7 22.d4 exd4 23.Qxd4+ Qg7 24.Ne5 Rfd8 25.Nc5 Ndf6 26.Qc3 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Bf5 28.e4 Bh7

Walking into an unexpected tactic.



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29.Rd7! Ne7

Not 29...Nxd7 which is met by 30.Nf7#

30.Ne6 Nxe4 31.Ng6+ 1-0

Elmore,John (2078) - Li,Jerry (2140) [C95]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (4), 2017-07-09

Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.Ng3 g6 15.Bg5 h6 16.Be3 Bg7 17.d5

All of this has been played many times before.

17...Qe7 18.Qd2 Kh7 19.a4 c6 20.dxc6 Bxc6 21.Rad1 Bf8 22.Nh2 Nc5 23.Bxc5 dxc5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Ra1 Qb7 26.b3 Kg7 27.f3 Rad8 28.Qe3 Rd7 29.Ng4 Nxg4 30.hxg4 Be7 31.Nf1 Ra8 32.Qe2 b4 33.c4 Bg5 34.Rxa8 Qxa8 35.Rd1 Qd8 36.Kf2 Rxd1 37.Qxd1 Qxd1 38.Bxd1 Bc1 39.Ke2 Kf6 40.Ng3 Bb2 41.Nf1 Bd4 42.Ne3 Bxe3 43.Kxe3 Kg5 44.g3 Kf6 45.Be2 Ke6 46.Bd3 Be8 47.Bc2 f6 48.Bd3 Bf7 49.Bc2 Bg8 50.Bd3 Bh7 51.Bc2 Bg8 52.Bd3 Bf7 53.Bc2 Be8 54.Bd3 Bd7 55.Bc2 Kf7 56.Bd3 h5 57.gxh5 gxh5 58.Kf2 Kg6 59.Ke3 Kg5 60.Kf2 Be6 61.Ke3 h4 62.gxh4+ Kxh4 63.Kf2 Kg5 64.Ke3 Bh3 65.Bc2 Be6 66.Bd3 Kh4 67.Kf2 Kh3 68.Bc2 Bd7 69.Bd3 Kh4 70.Bc2 Kg5 71.Ke3 f5 72.exf5 Bxf5 73.Be4 Kf6 74.f4 Bg4 75.Bc2 exf4+ 76.Kxf4 Be2 77.Ke3 Bh5 78.Ke4

A little joke.

78...Ke6

If 78...Bg6+ "winning" a piece, there follows 79.Kd5 Bxc2 80.Kxc5 Bxb3 81.Kxb4 with a draw.

79.Kf4 Kd6 80.Kg5 Be2 81.Kf5 Bh5 ½-½

Fang,Joseph (2368) - Kind,Michael (1926) [E94]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (4), 2017-07-09

As luck would have it, the two leading contenders for the NH state title were paired against each other in the final round. *-Hal Terrie*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.d4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.Be3 a6 9.d5 Nc5 10.Nd2 a5 11.a3 Ne8 12.b4 axb4 13.axb4 Rxa1 14.Qxa1 f5 15.f3 f4 16.Bf2 Na6 17.Qa5 Qg5 18.Ra1 h5 19.Kh1 h4 20.h3 Qd8 21.c5 g5 22.c6 b6 23.Qa3 Nb8 24.Qa8 Nf6 25.Qxb8 Nh5 26.Ba6 Bxh3 27.Qxd8 1-0

IM Shmelov,Denys (2502) - NM Isakov,Michael (2264) [D35]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (4), 2017-07-09

This was board 2 in the Open section. IM Shmelov had 2.0 while NM Isakov was at 2.5. *-Hal Terrie*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 Nf6 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Nf3 Re8 10.g4 Nf8 11.h3 Be6 12.0-0-0 Rc8 13.Kb1 Qa5 14.Nd2 b5 15.f3 Qb6 16.Nb3 a6 17.h4 c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Nxc5 Rxc5 20.Qd2 Rcc8 21.Ne2 N6d7 22.h5 Nc5 23.Bc2 b4 24.h6 d4 25.Nxd4 g6 26.Bb3 a5 27.Bxe6 Nfxe6 28.Nxe6 Nxe6 29.Rc1 a4 30.Rxc8 Rxc8 31.Rc1 Rd8 32.Qc2 b3 33.Qc3 Qb7 34.e4 bxa2+ 35.Ka1 Qb3 36.Be3

Re8 37.g5 Qb7 38.Qc6 Qe7 39.f4 a3 40.bxa3 Rb8 41.Kxa2 f6 42.gxf6 Qxf6 43.Qc3 Qf7 1-0

IM Vigorito,David (2436) - NM Carter,David (2251) [E09]

67th NH Open Nashua, NH (4), 2017-07-09

Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

This was the top board game in the Open section. Dave Carter had scored 3-0, defeating GM Ivanov and IM Fang back to back. Vigorito was at 2.5, having previously conceded a draw to NM Michael Isakov (2264). The victory in this game gave Vigorito clear first in the top section.

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.Nbd2 b6 9.e4 Bb7 10.b3 Rc8 11.Bb2 h6 12.Rfe1 c5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Qf5 dxc4 15.Nxc4 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Bc5 17.Rad1 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Rc5 19.Qf4 Rd5 20.Nd6 Rxd4 21.Qxd4 Bd5 22.Re3 Nc5 23.Nf5 Be4 24.Nd6 Bd5 25.Nb5 a6 26.Nc3 Bxf3 27.Qxd8 Rxd8 28.Bxf3 Rd3 29.Rxd3 Nxd3 30.a3 a5 31.Be2 Nc5 32.b4 axb4 33.axb4 Ncd7 34.f4 Kf8 35.Kf2 Ke7 36.Ke3 Ne8 37.Kd4 Nc7 38.Nd5+ Kd6 39.Nxc7 Kxc7 40.Bc4 f6 41.Kd5 Nf8 42.Bb5 g6 43.h4 h5 44.Ba4 1-0

Black is in zugzwang! Any move allows the White king to advance with decisive effect.

UNDER 2050

Pearson,Fred (1953) - Wang,Ryan (1796) [C14]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.f4 a6 8.Nf3 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 b5 12.Nd4 Bb7 13.a3 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Rc8 15.Bf3 Nd7 16.Rad1 Qc5 17.Ne2 Nb6 18.b3 Ke7 19.Qxc5+ Rxc5 20.Nd4 Rhc8 21.f5 Nd7 22.Rde1 Nf8 23.Bg4 g6 24.fxe6 Nxe6 25.Bxe6 fxe6 26.Rf6 Bc6 27.Rxe6+ Kf7 28.Rf1+ Kg8 29.Re7 Be8 30.Ne6 1-0

Arond,Paul (1841) - Paulson,Raymond (2027) [D02]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c6 4.c3 Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Ne5 Qb6 8.Qb3 Nbd7 9.Be2 0-0 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.g4 Bg6 12.h4 f6 13.h5 Bf7 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qc2 c5 16.Bd3 Bd6 17.Bh7+ Kh8 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.Nh4 f5 20.gxf5 e5 21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.Bg6 Bf6 23.f4 Bxh4+ 24.Rxh4 Qf6 25.Rg4 Rae8 26.0-0-0 Bxg6 27.Rxg6 Qxf5 28.Rxh6+ Kg7 29.Rg6+ Kh7 30.Qg2 d4 31.Rg5 Qf7 32.h6 Rg8 33.Rg7+ Rxg7 34.hxg7 Qxg7 35.Rh1+ Kg8 36.Qd5+ Kf8 37.Qf5+ Kg8 38.Qd5+ Qf7 39.Rh8+ Kxh8 40.Qxf7 Rxe3 41.Qxd7 dxc3 42.bxc3 Rxc3+ 43.Kd2 Ra3 44.Qf7 b5 45.f5 c4 46.Qf8+ 1-0

French,Al (1919) - Sheinwald,Nowell (2020) [A45]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.Qd2 Bb7 8.h4 h5 9.0-0 d6 10.d5 Re8 11.e4 Nbd7 12.Rfe1 Qc8 13.Rad1 Ba6 14.Ng5 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Nh7 16.a3 Nxg5 17.hxg5 Ne5 18.Bg3 Rb8 19.f3 Qb7 20.a4 a6 21.Rf1 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Ra1 Nc4 24.b3 Bxc3 25.bxc4 Bxa1 26.Rxa1 bxc4 27.Qxc4 Qb2 28.Rf1 Qd4+ 29.Qxd4 cxd4 30.Bf2 Rb4 31.Rd1 Rc8 32.Bxd4 Rxc2 33.Kh2 Ra4 34.Kg3 Raa2 35.Rg1 Kf8 36.Kh3 Ke8 37.Rb1 e5 38.dxe6 fxe6 39.Bf6 Rxg2 40.Rb7 e5 41.Re7+ Kf8 42.f4 exf4 0-1

Fregeau,Harrison (1883) - Kelley,Joseph (1976) [B15]

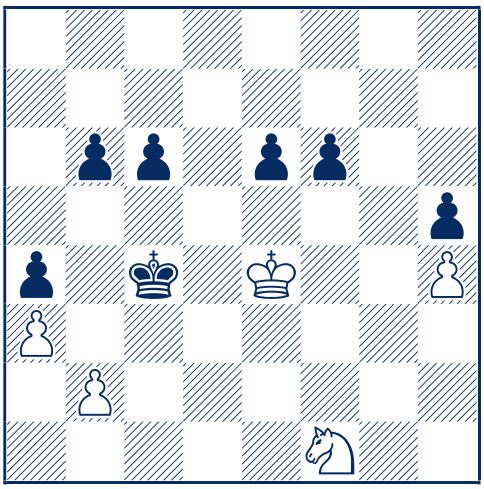
67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bf4 Bg4 6.exd5 cxd5 7.Nb5 Na6 8.c3 Nf6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 0-0 11.Bd3 e6 12.Bg5 Nb8 13.h4 a6 14.Na3 Qb6 15.0-0-0 Nbd7 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Qh3 Qd6 18.f3 Rfc8 19.Nc2 b5 20.Kb1 Qb6 21.g4 a5 22.a3 Kf8 23.Qf1 b4 24.axb4 axb4 25.Nxb4 Ne8 26.Qf2 e5 27.Nxd5 Qb3 28.Be4 Ra5 29.dxe5 Rca8 30.Kc1 Ra1+ 31.Bb1 Bxe5 32.Rhe1 Bg7 33.Re4 Rc8 34.Qc2 Qb7 35.Rb4 Qc6 36.Qe2 Nd6 37.Rd2 Re8 38.Qd1 Kg8 39.Rb8 Nb5 40.Ne7+ 1-0

Hilhorst,Gert (1874) - Johnson,Silverio (1975) [D00]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.f3 exf3 5.Nxf3 Nf6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nh4 Bxc2 10.Qd2 h6 11.Be3 Bh7 12.Nf3 Ng4 13.Rad1 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 c6 15.Ne5 Bg5 16.Qf2 Qe7 17.g3 Nd7 18.h4 Bf6 19.Rfe1 Nb6 20.Bd3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Rad8 22.Rf3 Nd7 23.a3 Qd6 24.Ne4 Qe7 25.Nxd7 Qxd7 26.Rxf6 Qxd4 27.Rf4 Qxf2+ 28.Rxf2 Rd3 29.Kg2 b6 30.Ree2 Rfd8 31.Rd2 Rxd2 32.Rxd2 Rxd2+ 33.Nxd2 Kf8 34.Kf3 Ke7 35.Ke4 f6 36.Nc4 h5 37.Ne3 Kd6 38.Ng2 g5 39.Ne3 a5 40.Nc4+ Kc5 41.Nd2 a4 42.Nf3 gxh4 43.gxh4 Kc4 44.Nd2+ Kc5 45.Nf1 Kc4



(white to move)

46.Nd2+ (46.Ng3 wins after 46…Kb3 [46…f5+ 47.Ke5] 47.Nxh5 Kxb2 48.Nf4 (48.Nxf6? Kxa3=) 48...Kxa3 49.h5 Kb2 50.h6 a3 51.Nd3+ Kb1 [51...Kb3 52.h7 a2 53.Nc1+] 52.Nb4 c5 53.Na2! Kxa2 54.h7 Kb1 55.h8/Q a2 56.Qh1+ Kb2 57.Qg2+ Kb1 58.Kd3! c4+ 59.Kxc4 a1/Q 60.Kb3) 46...Kc5 47.Nf1 ½-½

Haddad,Kevork (1812) - Ross,Alonzo (1971) [A96]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nf3 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 a5 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.Rd1 Qe8 10.a3 e5 11.d5 Nd8 12.Nb5 Qd7 13.b3 Nh5 14.Bb2 f4 15.Nd2 fxg3 16.hxg3 Nf6 17.Nf1 Nf7 18.Ne3 Nh6 19.b4 Qd8 20.bxa5 Rxa5 21.Bc3 Ra8 22.Bb4 Bd7 23.a4 Nhg4 24.Nf5 Nxf2 25.e4 Nxd1 26.Rxd1 Bxf5 27.exf5 Qc8 28.Qb3 b6 29.Be1 Nd7 30.Nc3 Nc5 31.Qb1 Qxf5 0-1

Didham,Scott (1983) - Palaitis,Peter (1956) [E04]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d4 e6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.c4 dxc4 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Qxc4 Na5 9.Qc2 Rc8 10.Nc3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bc5 12.Qd3 0-0 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bd2 Qb6 15.Nc2 Rfd8 16.b4 Bxb4 17.Nxb4 Qxb4 18.Nd5 Qc5 19.Bxa5 Qxa5 20.Ne7+ Kf8 21.Nxc8 Bxc8 22.Qc4 b6 23.Rfd1 Bd7 24.Qd3 Rc8 25.Qd6+ Ke8 26.Bb7 Rc2 27.Rac1 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Qxa2 29.e4 Qb2 30.Rd1 e5 31.Bc6 Kd8 32.Bxd7 1-0

McKee,David (1942) - Sawdey,Robert (1789) [B22]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.Nc3 Qd7 9.Be3 Nf6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Rad1 Qc8 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Nh4 Be4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Nf3 Nb4 18.Rc1 Qb8 19.Ne5 Rd8 20.Bf3 Nf6 21.Rfd1 Nbd5 22.Bd2 Bd6 23.Nc4 Bf4 24.g5 Ne8 25.h4 Bxd2 26.Nxd2 Qf4 27.Bxd5 Rxd5 28.Nf3 Rf5 29.Rc3 Nd6 30.Rdd3 Ne4 31.Qxb7 Qg4+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+ 33.Kg1 Qg4+ 34.Kh2 Rf8 35.Rc8 Qf4+ 36.Kg2 Qg4+ 37.Kf1 Rxf3 ½-½

Shur,Sandra (1783) - Brudno,Stephen (1930) [B21]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Qxd8+ Nxd8 10.Nxe5 e6 11.Rd1 Be7 12.Be3 0-0 13.Bb6 Nc6 14.Nf3 Bd8 15.Bc5 Re8 16.a3 Rb8 17.Bd6 Ra8 18.Rd2 b5 19.Ba2 Bb7 20.Rad1 Rc8 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Be7 23.Bd6 Kf8 24.f3 Bxd6 25.Rxd6 Ke7 26.Kf2 Red8 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Rxd8 Kxd8 29.b4 Kc7 30.Ke3 Kd6 31.g3 Nd5+ 32.Nxd5 Bxd5 33.Bb1 h6 34.f4 f6 35.Kd4 e5+ 36.fxe5+ fxe5+ 37.Ke3 Ke6 38.h4 Kf6 39.Bc2 g5 40.Bh7 gxh4 41.gxh4 Bc6 42.Bc2 Ke6 43.Bb1 Kd6 44.Bc2 Ke6 45.Bb1 Kf6 46.Bc2 Bd7 47.Be4 Bc8 48.Bf3 Kf5 49.Bh5 Bb7 50.Bd1 e4 51.Bh5 Bc6 52.Bd1 ½-½

Brudno,Stephen (1930) - McKee,David (1942) [A40]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.e4 Bb7 4.f3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 d6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Bd3 Nh6 9.Nge2 f5 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Kb1 Qe7 12.Rhe1 fxe4 13.Nxe4 0-0-0 14.N2c3 Nf7 15.Qc2 Rhf8 16.Na4 Kb8 17.c5 dxc5 18.dxc5 Nde5 19.cxb6 Nxd3 20.bxc7+ Qxc7 21.Rxd3 Rxd3 22.Qxd3 Ne5 23.Qc2 Qa5 24.Nac3 Bd5 25.Nd2 Nc6 26.Nxd5 Qxd5 27.Qb3+ Kc7 28.Qc3 Rd8 29.Ne4 e5 30.a3 Qb5 31.Qc2 Kd7 32.Rd1+ Nd4 33.Qc5 Qb8 34.Qc4 Ke7 35.Qxa6 Rc8 36.Qa5 Rc4 37.Qd2 h6 38.Nc3 Qb3 39.Rc1 Qb7 40.Qd3 Nb3 41.Nd5+ Ke6 42.Rxc4 1-0

Johnson,Silverio (1874) - Shur,Sandra (1783) [D02]

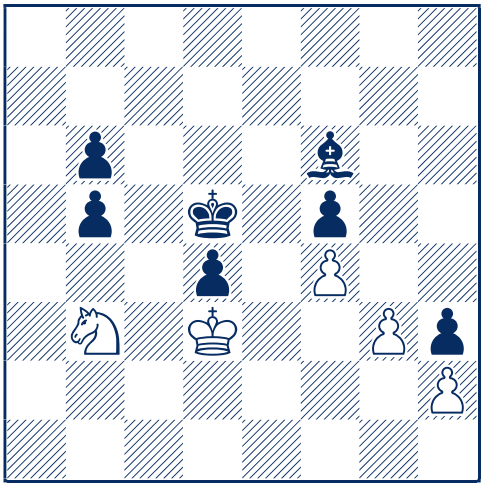
67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Nd2 Be7 5.h3 0-0 6.Ngf3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.c3 Nbd7 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Ne5 c4 12.Bc2 b5 13.e4 Nf8 14.Bg3 Ng6 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.e5 Nd7 17.f4 a5 18.Bh2 b4 19.g4 Qb6 20.f5 gxf5 21.gxf5 exf5 22.Bxf5 Nf8 23.Qf3 Qh6 24.Bf4 Qh4 25.Nxc4 Ba6 26.Nb6 Rab8 27.Nd7 Bxf1 28.Nxb8 Bxh3 29.Bxh3 Rxb8 30.e6 Rb6 31.Bc7 Ra6 32.Qxf7+ Kh8 33.Be5 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Nxe6 35.Rg1 Qh6 36.Qf5 bxc3 37.bxc3 a4 38.Rg6 Qc1+ 39.Rg1 Qh6 40.Rb1 Ra8 41.Qxe6 Qh7 42.Qf5 1-0

Fregeau,Harrison (1883) - Didham,Scott (1983) [B06]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.e4 g6 2.d4 c6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Bg3 Nb6 10.c3 Nxc4 11.Nxc4 Nd7 12.Re1 Nf6 13.Nce5 Bf5 14.Qb3 Qb6 15.Qxb6 axb6 16.a3 b5 17.Nd2 Rfd8 18.f3 Nh5 19.Ne4 Nxg3 20.Nxg3 f6 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Nd3 e5 23.Nc5 Kf7 24.Nb3 b6 25.Rad1 Rd5 26.dxe5 fxe5 27.Rxd5 cxd5 28.Rd1 Ke6 29.Kf2 Ra4 30.g3 d4 31.cxd4 exd4 32.Rd3 Rc4 33.Ke2 Kd5 34.Nd2 Rc1 35.Kf2 Rc2 36.b4 h5 37.f4 Rc3 38.Ke2 Bf6 39.Nb1 Rc1 40.Nd2 h4 41.Rf3 h3 42.Rd3 Rg1 43.Kf3 Rg2 44.Nf1 Kc4 45.Rd1 Rc2 46.Nd2+ Kc3 47.Nf1 Kb2 48.Rd3 Rc3 49.Ke2 Rxd3 50.Kxd3 Kxa3 51.Nd2 Kxb4 52.Nb1 Kc5 53.Nd2 Kd5 54.Nb3



(black to move)

54…Be7?? (54…b4 55.Nc1 [55.Nd2 Kc5 56.Kc2 Kb5 57.Kb3 d3 58.Nc4 Bd4] 55…Kc5 56.Nb3+ Kb5 and now the pawn cannot be taken due to 57.Nxd4+ Bxd4 58.Kxd4 Ka4 and the b-pawn promotes, while other moves also see the pawns slowly escorted up the board.) 55.Nxd4 Bc5 56.Nf3 b4 57.Kc2 Kc4 58.g4 b3+ 59.Kb2 fxg4 60.Ne5+ Kd5 61.Nxg4 Ke4 62.Kxb3 Kxf4 63.Nf6 Bg1 64.Kc2 Bxh2 65.Nd5+ Kf3 66.Nxb6 Be5 67.Nc4 h2 68.Nxe5+ Ke4 69.Ng4 ½-½

Paulson,Raymond (2027) - Haddad,Kevork (1812) [E00]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 a5 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Qb3 Bxd2+ 7.Nxd2 Nc6 8.e3 d6 9.Ne2 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Rd1 Qe7 12.0-0 Bg4 13.Rfe1 Rfb8 14.a3 a4 15.Qc2 Bh5 16.Ne4 Ng4 17.Rd5 f5 18.N4c3 Bg6 19.Red1 Nf6 20.R5d2 f4 21.e4 fxg3 22.hxg3 Rf8 23.Nd5 Qc5 24.Ne3 Bh5 25.Qc3 Nd4 26.Nxd4 exd4 27.Qxd4 Qxd4 28.Rxd4 Bxd1 29.Rxd1 Rad8 30.Rc1 Rfe8 31.Nd5 c6 32.Nc3 Rd2 33.Rb1 Ng4 34.f3 Ne5 35.Nxa4 Nxc4 36.Bf1 Ne5 37.Bg2 g5 38.Nc5 b6 39.Nb3 Rd3 40.Nc1 Rd1+ 41.Kf2 Red8 42.Bf1 b5 43.Be2 Nd3+ 44.Bxd3 R8xd3 45.Nxd3 Rxb1 46.Ke3 Kf8 47.f4 gxf4+ 48.gxf4 h5 49.Kf3 Rd1 50.Ne5 c5 51.Ke2 Rd4 52.Ke3 Rd6 53.f5 c4 54.a4 bxa4 55.Nxc4 Rc6 56.Ne5 Rd6 57.Nc4 Rc6 58.Ne5 Rd6 59.Ng6+ Kf7 60.e5 Rb6 61.e6+ Rxe6+ 62.fxe6+ Kxg6 63.Kf4 Kf6 64.e7 Kxe7 65.Kg5 Kd6 66.Kxh5 Kc5 0-1

Ranganath,Vishnu (1197) - Sutton,William [B50]

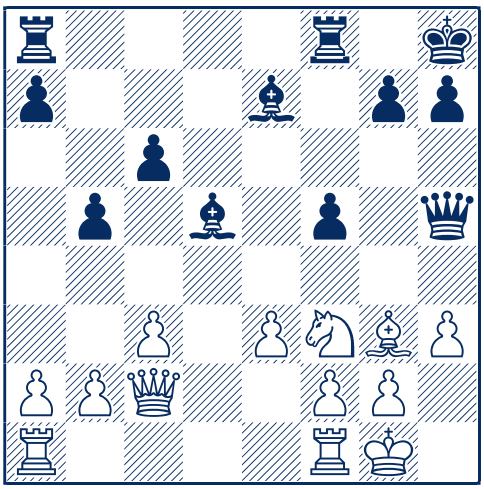
67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 a6 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 e6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 b5 9.Nd2 e5 10.f4 Ng4 11.Re1 Nxe3 12.Rxe3 exf4 13.gxf4 Bf6 14.e5 Nxe5 15.Bxa8 0-0 16.fxe5 Bxe5 17.Bg2 Bd4 18.Qf3 Qg5 19.Rae1 Re8 20.Nd1 Bg4 21.Kh1 Rf8 22.Qg3 Qh5 23.Re4 Bxd1 24.Bf3 Bxf3+ 25.Nxf3 Bxb2 26.Rg1 f5 27.Rh4 Qf7 28.Ng5 Qd5+ 29.Qg2 Qxa2 30.Rxh7 Bd4 31.Rh8+ Kxh8 32.Qh3+ Kg8 33.Qh7# 1-0

Ross,Alonzo (1841) - Arond,Paul (1971) [A80]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 e6 2.Bf4 f5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.h3 Be7 5.e3 d6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.c3 0-0 8.Nbd2 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Bc4+ Kh8 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nd7 13.Bh2 Nc5 14.Nf3 Qe8 15.0-0 c6 16.Qe2 b5 17.Bd3 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Be6 19.Qc2 Bd5 20.Bg3 Qh5



(white to move)

21.Nd2 (Better is 21.Nd4 centralizing the knight, preventing Black's next move, and seeking to undermine the queenside with a4. On 21…a6 22.a4 c5?!, White has 23.Nxf5! Qxf5 24.Qxf5 Rxf5 25.e4 Bxe4 26.Rfe1) 21…g5 22.Be5+ Kg8 23.e4 fxe4 24.Nxe4 g4 25.Bg3 gxh3 26.Rfe1 hxg2 27.Kxg2 Qf3+ 28.Kg1 Bc5 29.Bh2 Rf5 0-1

Sawdey,Robert (1789) - Hilhorst,Gert (1975) [A47]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Bd3 b6 5.c3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nbd2 cxd4 8.exd4 0-0 9.Nc4 d6 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rd1 Nbd7 12.Bf4 Nf8 13.Na3 Ng6 14.Bg3 a6 15.Nd2 Nd5 16.Be4 Ndf4 17.Qf3 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 d5 19.Bxf4 Nxf4 20.Qxf4 dxe4 21.Qxe4 Bxa3 22.bxa3 Qd6 23.a4 Rac8 24.Rac1 Rc4 25.Qc2 Rec8 26.Qb3 R8c6 27.g3 g6 28.Rd3 Qd5 29.Qa3 Kg7 30.Re3 Qa5 31.Rf3 Qd5 32.Re3 Qd6 33.Qxd6 Rxd6 34.a5 b5 35.Rb1 Ra4 36.Re2 Rxa5 37.Rb3 Ra4 38.Kg2 Rc4 39.Re3 h5 40.f4 Ra4 41.Re2 Kf6 42.Kf3 Rd5 43.h4 Rc4 44.a3 Ke7 45.Re5 Kd6 46.Ke4 f6 47.Rxd5+ exd5+ 48.Ke3 Ke6 49.Kf2 Kf5 50.Kf3 Ra4 51.Ke3 Kg4 52.Kf2 Rc4 53.Kg2 Rc6 54.Kf2 g5 55.hxg5 fxg5 56.fxg5 Kxg5 57.Kf3 Rc4 58.Kg2 Kg4 59.Kf2 Rc6 60.Kg2 Re6 61.Kf2 Rf6+ 62.Kg2 Rf3 63.a4 Rxg3+ 64.Kh2 bxa4 65.Ra3 h4 66.Rxa4 Rxc3 67.Rxa6 Rc2+ 68.Kg1 0-1

Sheinwald,Nowell (2020) - Pearson,Frederick (1953) [A15]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 0-0 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 e5 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bd7 10.Na3 Nh5 11.Qc1 f5 12.e3 Nb4 13.Qd2 a5 14.Nb5 Be6 15.a3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 e4 17.Qc2 exf3 18.Bxf3 c6 19.Bxg7 Nxg7 20.Nd4 Qf6 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.Qd2 Bc8 23.Kh2 g5 24.Ne2 Ne6 25.Qc3 Qh6 26.Bg2 f4 27.exf4 gxf4 28.Rd3 Nc5 29.Nxf4 Nxd3 30.Qxd3 Bf5 31.Qd2 Qg7 32.Rd1 Qc7 33.Nh5 Bg6 34.Nf4 Bf5 35.g4 Bc8 36.Nh5 Qf7 37.Qg5+ Qg6 38.Qxa5 Rde8 39.Rd2 Re5 40.Qc7 Re6 41.f4 Qf7 42.Qb6 Qe7 43.Qd4 Re3 44.Rd3 Rxd3 45.Qxd3 Bd7 46.Qd4 Be8 47.Ng3 Qf6 ½-½

Hilhorst,Gert (1975) - Fregeau,Harrison (1883) [A38]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (3), 2017-07-09

Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.a3 0-0 8.d3 a6 9.Rb1 Qc7 10.b4 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Qd7 13.Bg2 Rab8 14.bxc5 dxc5 15.Na4 Qd6 16.Be3 Nd7 17.Nb6 Nd4 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Bxd4 Bxd4 20.Rb6 Qc7 21.Qb3 Qxg3

22.e3 Bxe3 23.fxe3 Qxe3+ 24.Kh1 Rfd8 25.Rf3 Qe1+ 26.Kh2 Rd7?

26...Qe5+ is the best try.

27.Qb2 Qd1 28.Qe5 Rc8 29.Rxf7! Kxf7 30.Qe6+ Kg7 31.Qxd7 Qa1 32.Qxe7+

Not 32.Qxc8?? Qe5+ with a draw.

32...Kh6 33.Qh4+ 1-0

French,Albert (1919) - Haddad,Kevork (1828) [D02]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (3), 2017-07-09

Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 d5 4.Nf3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bg3 0-0 8.Nbd2 b6 9.Ne5 Ne7 10.h3 Bb7 11.0-0 c4 12.Bc2 b5 13.Qe2 a5 14.Ng4 Ng6 15.Nxf6+ gxf6 16.e4 Re8 17.f4 dxe4 18.Nxe4 f5 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.h4 h6 21.h5 Ne7 22.Bh4 Kh7 23.Rf2 Nd5 24.Raf1 Rg8 25.g4?

This is way too ambitious.

25...Kh8 26.g5 Nxf4 27.Qe3

27.Rxf4 hxg5-+

27...hxg5

Black is winning.

28.Bg3 Qd5 29.Rh2 f6?

I'm guessing that both players were in time pressure here, as things get very chaotic now. 29...Nh3+ forces mate: 30.Rxh3 Qg2#

30.Kf2 Rae8 31.Bxf4 gxf4 32.Qxf4 Rg2+ 33.Ke1 Rg5 34.Kd1 e5 35.Qe3 Qd7 36.Bxf5

Now White is winning!

36...Qc6

36...Rxf5? 37.Qh6+ Qh7 38.Qxh7+ Kxh7 39.Rxf5

37.Bg6 Rd8 38.Rhf2 exd4 39.Qe7 Rd7 40.Qf8# 1-0

Pearson,Fred (1957) - Johnson,Silverio (1874) [C10]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (3), 2017-07-09

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ Qxf6 6.Nf3 h6 7.Be3 Bd6 8.Qd2 b6 9.0-0-0 Bb7 10.Ne5 a6 11.f4 Qe7 12.Rg1 Nd7 13.Qc3 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Bb4 15.Qd3 Rd8 16.Qxd8+ Qxd8 17.Rxd8+ Kxd8 18.c3 Be7 19.Bd3 c5 20.g4 b5 21.c4 Bc6 22.Rd1 Kc7 23.Be2 Rd8 24.Rxd8 Kxd8 25.g5 Kc7 26.Kd2 Bf8 27.b3 g6 28.h4 h5 29.a3 bxc4 30.Bxc4 Bb5 31.Kc3 Kc6 32.a4 Bxc4 33.Kxc4 a5 ½-½

Palaitis,Peter (1917) - Ross,Alonzo (1961) [B36]

67th NH Open/U2050 Nashua, NH (3), 2017-07-09

Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qd1 Be6 11.Be3 Qa5 12.Rc1 Rfc8 13.b3 a6 14.Bd4 Rab8 15.Ba7 Ra8 16.Bd4 b5 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nd7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Qd4+ Kg8 22.Rfe1 Re8 23.Qh4 Ne5 24.Re3 Qd2 25.Rce1 Ra7 26.f4 Qd4 27.Kh1 Nxc4 28.bxc4 Rb7 29.Re4 Qg7 30.h3 Rc7 31.Kh2 Kf8 32.R1e2 h5 33.R2e3

The computer points out 33.c5! when Black can't capture either way: 33...Rxc5 (or 33...dxc5 34.d6) 34.Rxe7

33...f5??

This looks like another case of time pressure panic. Black would still be in the game after 33...Qh6.

34.Re6+- Rxc4 35.Qg5 Qf7 36.Rxg6 1-0

36.Rxg6 Rec8 37.Rg8+! Qxg8 38.Qxe7#

Didham,Scott (1983) - Brudno,Stephen (1930) [A29]

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1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.a3 Bxc3 8.bxc3 Be6 9.d3 h6 10.Rb1 Rb8 11.h3 Qd7 12.Kh2 b6 13.e4 Nh7 14.Be3 Ne7 15.g4 g5 16.Nd2 f6 17.d4 Ng6 18.Rh1 Rfe8 19.d5 Bf7 20.Nf1 Nh4 21.Ng3 Nxg2 22.Kxg2 Bg6 23.f3 Re7 24.c5 Qc8 25.c6 a5 26.a4 Qa6 27.Rb5 Qc8 28.h4 Nf8 29.Rh2 Rg7 30.c4 Ra8 31.Kh1 Qd8 32.h5 Bh7 33.Rhb2 Ra6 34.Qb3 Kh8 35.Kg2 Re7 36.c5 dxc5 37.Bxc5 Rg7 38.Ba3 Qe8 39.Rd2 Ra8 40.Kf2 Rd8 41.Qd1 Rf7 42.Rbb2 Rc8 43.Rbc2 Rg7 44.Kg2 1-0

Scoresheet error. White won in about 60 moves.

-Hal Terrie

McKee,David (1942) - Shur,Sandra (1783) [A40]

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1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Bd3 e6 4.c4 Nf6 5.f3 d6 6.Nc3 c5 7.d5 e5 8.Nge2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ng3 g6 11.Bh6 Re8 12.Qd2 Bf8 13.h4 Qe7 14.Bg5 h5 15.f4 Bg7 16.Rf3 Nbd7 17.Raf1 Rf8 18.Nb5

The computer gives a complicated winning line beginning with 18.Nxh5, but I don't blame any human player for not seeing it.

18...a6 19.fxe5 Nxe5

19...Qxe5 allows 20.Bf4 but it was still the only chance.

20.Rxf6 axb5 21.Rxg6 Qd7 22.Rxg7+ Kxg7 23.Bf6+ Kh7 24.Nf5 Ng4 25.Qg5 1-0

Paul Arond vs Nowell Sheinwald

Arond,Paul (1821) - Sheinwald,Nowell (2017) [A45]

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Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nc3 b4 5.Nb1 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.e3 Bg7 8.c4 Nh5 9.Qc1 Nxf4 10.exf4 a5 11.Bd3 Bg4 12.Nbd2 e6 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Nxf3 exd5 15.cxd5 Qe7+ 16.Kd1?

This fails miserably. 16.Kf1 is better, though after 16...0-0 17.g3 a4 18.Rb1 Nd7 Black has a big advantage.

16...0-0 17.Re1 Qf6 18.Rb1 Nd7 19.g4 Nb6 20.g5 Qd8 21.Bc4 Qd7 22.Rh1 Qf5 0-1

22...Qf5 23.Nd2 (23.b3 Qe4-+) 23...Qxf4-+

Sheinwald,Nowell (2017) - Didham,Scott (1983) [A48]

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This was the top board in the U2050 section. Sheinwald and Didham each had 2.5 from 3. The win gave Sheinwald clear first, as the other player with 2.5 lost to a player with 2.0. *-Hal Terrie*

1.Nf3 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 Nbd7 6.h4 Nh5 7.Bh2 Ndf6 8.c3 c6 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.Qc2 Bh6 11.Ng1 Bd7 12.0-0-0 Ng4 13.Nf1 Qa5 14.a3 Qd5 15.Be4 Qe6 16.Nh3 f5 17.Bd3 Qf7 18.Bg1 Ngf6 19.f4 0-0 20.Ng5 Bxg5 21.hxg5 Ng4 22.Nh2 Nxh2 23.Rxh2 Be6 24.Re1 Ng3 25.Bf2 Ne4 26.Reh1 h5 27.gxh6 Kh7 28.g4 Bb3 29.Qe2 Nxf2 30.Rxf2 e6 31.e4 fxe4 32.Bxe4 Bd5 33.Qc2 Bxe4 34.Qxe4 Rae8 35.Rhf1 Kh8 36.Qd3 e5 37.fxe5 Qxf2 38.Rxf2 Rxf2 39.Qxg6 Rg8 40.Qe6 d5 41.Kb1 Rg2 42.Qf6+ Kh7 43.Qf7+ Kh8 44.Qxb7 R8xg4 45.Qxc6 Rg6 46.Qxd5 Rxh6 47.Qxg2 1-0

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Bennett,Joseph (1832) - Su,Andrew (1606) [A03]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.Be2 Nc6 5.0-0 e6 6.d4 Be7 7.c3 0-0 8.Ne5 Bd7 9.Nd2 Bd6 10.a4 a5 11.Qc2 Qe7 12.g4 Rfc8 13.g5 Ne8 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Qd3 cxd4 16.exd4 Qc7 17.Qg3 Ne7 18.Nf3 Nf5 19.Qg4 f6 20.Nh4 Qe7 21.Bd3 Nxh4 22.Qxh4 f5 23.Bd2 Nc7 24.Rae1 g6 25.Qf2 Qd7 26.Bc2 b5 27.axb5 Qxb5 28.Bc1 a4 29.h4 Re8 30.Re3 Qb6 31.h5 Kg7 32.Kg2 a3 33.bxa3 Bxa3 34.Bxa3 Rxa3 35.Rh1 Qc6 36.hxg6 hxg6 37.Qh4 Rxc3 38.Qh7+ Kf8 39.Qxg6 Rxc2+ 40.Kg3 Ke7 41.Qxf5 Ra2 42.Rh7+ Kd8 43.Qb1 Ra8 44.Rb3 Rc8 45.Rb6 Qc3+ 46.Kg4 Qxd4 47.Rd6# 1-0

Dey,Ranjan (1503) - Ray,Joe (1703) [B12]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Bb5 e6 7.a3 Qb6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.Nbd2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nh6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 Nf5 13.Qa4 Qb5 14.Qxb5 cxb5 15.g4 Ne7 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Bc3

h5 18.Ke2 f5 19.Ng5 Rc6 20.gxh5 Rxh5 21.h4 Ng6 22.Nf3 a5 23.Rac1 b4 24.axb4 axb4 25.Bd2 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Kd7 27.Bg5 Be7 28.Bxe7 Nxe7 29.Ra1 Nc6 30.Ra8 Rh7 31.Ke3 g6 32.Rg8 Rh6 33.Kf4 Ne7 34.Rb8 Nc6 35.Rb5 Kc7 36.Kg5 Rh8 37.Kf6 TIME 1-0

Hilhorst,Eric (1718) - Patil,Shravani (1532) [D34]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.c4 c5 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.e3 c4 10.b3 Bb4 11.Bb2 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Ne4 13.Rc1 b5 14.Nd2 Nxc3 15.Rxc3 b4 16.Rc1 c3 17.Nf3 a5 18.Ne1 Ba6 19.Nd3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Qd6 21.Qb5 Ne7 22.Rc2 Rfb8 23.Qd3 Qa6 24.Qd1 Rb6 25.Re1 Rh6 26.Rc1 Qg6 27.Ra1 Rc8 28.Bf1 Qd6 29.Bd3 Qd7 30.Bf1 c2 31.Qd2 Qg4 32.Rac1 Qh5 33.f4 Rc3 34.Rxc2 Nf5 35.Rxc3 bxc3 36.Qf2 Rc6 37.Rc1 Nd6 38.Bg2 Qf5 39.Qc2 Qe6 40.Qd3 Nb5 41.a4 Nd6 42.Rxc3 Rb6 43.Rc5 Ne4 44.Bxe4 dxe4 45.Qc4 Qxc4 46.Rxc4 h6 47.Rc3 g6 48.Kf2 Kf8 49.Ke2 f5 50.Kd2 Ke7 51.Kc2 Kd6 52.Rc5 Ra6 53.Kc3 Ra8 54.Kc4 Ke7 55.b4 axb4 56.Kxb4 Kd6 57.a5 Rb8+ 58.Rb5 Rxb5+ 59.Kxb5 Kc7 60.a6 Kb8 61.d5 Ka7 62.d6 g5 63.d7 g4 64.d8Q h5 65.Qc7+ Ka8 66.Qb7# 1-0

Rapaka,Srikanth (1790) - Hsu,Jonathan (1670) [C78]

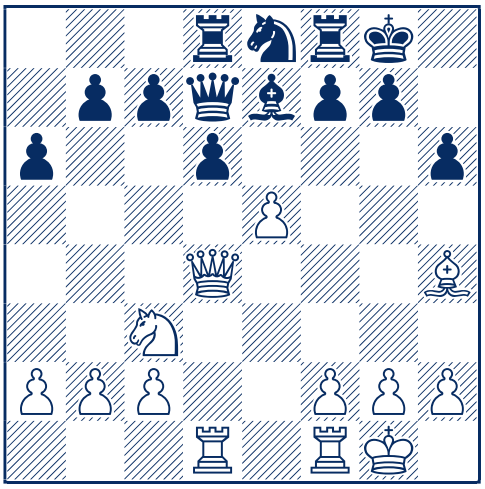
67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.d3 h6 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qe1 0-0 12.e4 Nf4 13.Qf2 Nd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Nc3 c5 16.Qxd4 cxd4 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Ra7 19.Rac1 Re8 20.b3 b4 21.a3 a5 22.axb4 axb4 23.Ra1 Ree7 24.Ra4 Rxa4 25.bxa4 Be6 26.Bxe6 Rxe6 27.Ra1 Ra6 28.a5 Kf8 29.Ra4 Ke7 30.Kf1 Kf6 31.Ke2 Kg5 32.Kf3 Kh4 33.Rxb4 Rxa5 34.Rb7 Ra1 35.Re7 Rc1 36.Rxe5 g5 37.Rc5 f6 38.Kf2 Kg4 39.Rc6 f5 40.h3+ Kf4 41.g3+ Ke5 42.Rc5+ Kd6 43.Rd5+ Ke6 44.Rxd4 Rxc2+ 45.Kf3 Rh2 46.exf5+ Kxf5 47.h4 Rd2 48.hxg5 hxg5 49.Rd5+ Ke6 50.Rxg5 Rxd3+ 51.Kg4 Rd1 52.Rf5 Rd7 53.Rh5 Kf6 54.Rh6+ Kg7 55.Ra6 Rd1 56.Kh4 Rh1+ 57.Kg5 Rg1 58.g4 Kf7 59.Ra4 Kg7 60.Rf4 Rg2 61.Ra4 Rg1 62.Ra7+ Kg8 63.Kh5 Rh1+ 64.Kg6 Kf8 65.g5 Rf1 66.Ra5 Ke7 67.Kg7 Rf7+ 68.Kh6 Rf1 69.g6 Rh1+ 70.Rh5 Rg1 71.Kh7 Kf6 72.Rh6 Rg2 73.Rh1 Rg3 74.Rf1+ Kg5 75.g7 Rh3+ 76.Kg8 Ra3 77.Rg1+ Kf6 78.Rb1 Rf3 79.Rb6+ Kg5 80.Rb8 Kg6 81.Rb1 Kf6 82.Rh1 Kg6 83.Rh7 Ra3 84.Kh8 1-0

Mutnuri,Krishna (1560) - Nareddy,Vineeth (1774) [C47]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 d6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Qd2 h6 9.Bh4 Nxd4 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Qxd4 a6 12.Rd1 0-0 13.0-0 Rad8 14.e5 Ne8



(white to move)

15.Rfe1 (15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nd5 Qe6 [or 16…Qd7] 17.Rfe1) 15…Bxh4 (15…c6) 16.Qxh4 c6 17.exd6 (17.Ne4 Qc7 [not 17…d5? 18.Nc5 Qc8 19.e6!] 18.Rd3 offers serious attacking chances.) 17…Nxd6 18.Qg3 Rfe8 19.Re3 Rxe3 20.fxe3 Qe7 21.Qf4 Ne8 22.Rxd8 Qxd8 23.Qd4 Qxd4 ½-½

Relyea,Alex (1800) - Burchard,Aidan (1648) [C18]

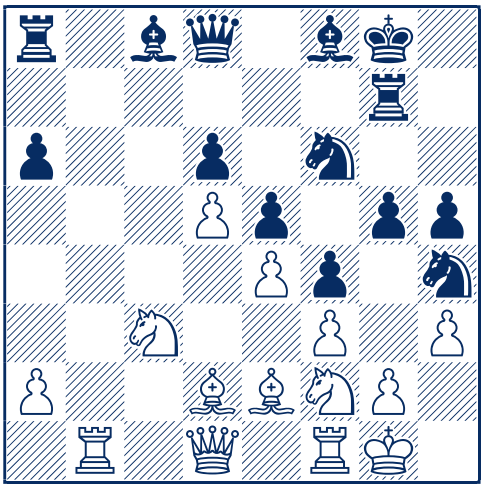
67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7 8.Bd3 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Nbc6 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Qe3 Qxe5 12.Nf3 Qxe3+ 13.Bxe3 a6 14.Ba4 Na5 15.Bb3 Rc8 16.Bd4 Nf5 17.Ne5 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Bb5 19.a4 Bc4 20.Rb1 Bxb3 21.cxb3 Nxb3 22.Nd3 Rc3 23.Ke2 Nxd4+ 24.Ke3 Nf5+ 25.Kd2 Rc7 26.Rhc1 Rxc1 27.Kxc1 Nd6 28.Nc5 0-0 29.Nxb7 Rc8+ 30.Kd1 Rb8 0-1

Wang,Tianna (1617) - Barkey,Dale (1790) [E99]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bd2 g5 13.b4 h5 14.h3 Nf6 15.Nf2 Ng6 16.c5 Rf7 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Rc1 Bf8 19.Qc2 a6 20.b5 Rg7 21.bxa6 bxa6 22.Rb1 Nh4 23.Qd1



(black to move)

23…Qe8 (No further prep is needed: 23…g4! 24.fxg4 hxg4 25.Nxg4 [25.hxg4 Nh5! 26.Na4 Ng3 etc. {Not 26.gxh5? when the computer suggests 26…Rg3! getting on the other side of any g4 blockades before playing …Nxg2, but the natural 26…Rxg2+ 27.Kh1 Qg5 also wins.}] 25…Bxg4 26.hxg4 Qd7 27.Rf2 Ra7! [to protect b7 against 27…Nxg4 28.Bxg4 Rxg4? 29.Rb7!]. Now Black will regain the pawn and aim everything at g2.) 24.Na4 Qg6 25.Be1 Be7 26.Nb6 g4 27.hxg4 hxg4 28.fxg4 Nxg4 29.Nxg4 Bxg4 30.Bxg4 Rf8 31.Bxh4 Bxh4 32.Be6+ Kh8 33.Qf3 Bg3 34.Rfc1 Rb8 35.Nd7 Rd8 36.Nb8 Qh6 37.Nxa6 Rf8 38.Kf1 Qh2 39.Ke2 Bh4 40.Bh3 Bg3 1-0

Sifter,Thomas (1658) - Moss,Marvin (1818) [B43]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 b5 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.Qe2 Be7 11.Re1 0-0 12.Be4 Bxe4 13.Qxe4 Ra7 14.Be3 Rc7 15.Rad1 Qc8 16.f4 g6 17.g4 Nc6 18.Nxc6 Rxc6 19.Re2 d5 20.exd6 Bxd6 21.c3 Qc7 22.f5 exf5 23.gxf5 Rc4 24.Bd4 Bc5 25.fxg6 hxg6 26.Qe5 Qxe5 27.Rxe5 Bxd4+ 28.Rxd4 Rxd4 29.cxd4 Rd8 30.Re4 Rd6 31.Kf2 f5 32.Rf4 Kg7 33.Ke3 Kf6 34.h4 Ke6 35.Kd3 Rc6 36.Kd2 Kf6 37.a3 Rd6 38.Kd3 g5 39.hxg5+ Kxg5 40.Rf1 a5 41.b3 Rd5 42.Ke3 Rd7 43.Rg1+ Kf6 44.Rf1 Re7+ 45.Kd3 Rd7 46.Ke3 Ke6 47.Rf4 Rc7 48.Kd2 b4 49.axb4 axb4 50.d5+ Kxd5 51.Rxf5+ Kc6 52.Kd3 Kb6 53.Rf6+ Kb5 54.Rf5+ Kb6 55.Rf6+ Kb5 56.Rf5+ ½-½

Straus,Kenneth (1651) - Ni,Brandon (1430) [B12]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5+ 8.Bd2 Qxc5 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.0-0 Qb6 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Nb5 Qb8 13.Bf4 Bc5 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.exd6 Nf6?? (15…Qd8) 16.d7+ Nxd7 17.Bxb8 Rxb8 18.Qa3 Nf6 19.Rad1 a6 20.Rfe1 Ne7 21.Ne5 b5 22.Qg3 0-0 23.Ng4 Nxg4 24.Qxg4 Ng6 25.f4 Rbc8 26.c3 1-0

Walton,Robert (1538) - Commisso,Michael (1702) [B22]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d5 7.Bg5 dxe4 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Nxe4 Qd8 10.a3 Be7 11.b4 a6 12.Bc4 0-0 13.0-0 b5 14.Bb3 a5 15.Rc1 axb4 16.Rxc6 Bb7 17.Ne5 Bxc6 18.Nxc6 Qd7 19.Nxb4 Rxa3 20.Na2 Rd8 21.d5 exd5 22.Nec3 d4 23.Nd5 Bc5 24.Re1 Rxb3 25.Qxb3 Qxd5 26.Qxb5 g6 27.Kf1 d3 28.Nc3 Qd4 29.Ne4 d2 30.Rd1 Qxe4 31.Qxc5 Re8 32.Qe3 Qc4+ 0-1

Xu,Raymond (1672) - Fabian,Walter (1536) [D93]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c6 7.Qb3 b6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Rac1 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nh5 12.Bg3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 e6 14.Rfd1 Qe7 15.a4 Nf6 16.Ne5 Nd5 17.Nf3 Rfd8 18.e4 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Kh8 20.Rd2 Bh6 21.Rcd1 Bxd2 22.Rxd2 Rd6 23.Ne5 c5 24.f3 f6 25.Ng4 h5 26.Nxf6 Qxf6 27.e5 Qg5 28.f4 Qxg3 29.exd6 Qe1+ 30.Bf1 Qxd2 31.Qxe6 Qxf4 32.Qe5+ remaining moves unclear 0-1

Straus,Kenneth (1651) - Ni,Brandon (1430) [B12]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5+ 8.Bd2 Qxc5 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.0-0 Qb6 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Nb5 Qb8 13.Bf4 Bc5 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.exd6 Nf6?? (15…Qd8) 16.d7+ Nxd7 17.Bxb8 Rxb8 18.Qa3 Nf6 19.Rad1 a6 20.Rfe1 Ne7 21.Ne5 b5 22.Qg3 0-0 23.Ng4 Nxg4 24.Qxg4 Ng6 25.f4 Rbc8 26.c3 1-0

Burchard,Aidan (1648) - Srikanth,Rapaka (1790) [B94]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Nb3 h6 8.Bh4 Qc7 9.Bd3 e5 10.a4 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qd2 Nb6 13.Rfd1 Be6 14.Bf1 Rfd8 15.Bg3 Nh5 16.Qe3 Rac8 17.f4 Bxb3 18.cxb3 d5 19.Qf3 Nxg3 20.Qxg3 d4 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 Rxd5 23.fxe5 Qxe5 24.Qxe5 Rxe5 25.Bc4 Rd8 26.Re1 Re3 27.Rad1 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Bc5 29.Bd3 Kf8 30.Kf2 Re8 31.Rxe8+ Kxe8 32.Kf3 Ke7 33.Ke4 Ke6 34.b4 f5+ 35.Kf4 Bd6+ 36.Kf3 Bxh2 37.b5 axb5 38.Bxb5 b6 39.g3 Bg1 40.b4 d3 41.Bxd3 Ke5 42.a5 bxa5 43.bxa5 g5 44.g4 f4 45.a6 Ba7 ½-½

Fabian,Walter (1536) - Hilhorst,Eric (1718) [A60]

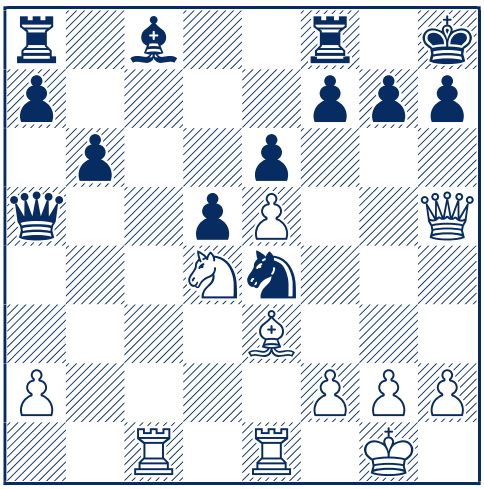
67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.e4 Nbd7 8.Be2 Bxf3 9.gxf3 a6 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Qd2 g6 12.a4 Bg7 13.h4 Rb8 14.a5 h5 15.Na4 0-0 16.Rc1 b5 17.axb6 Nxb6 18.Nxc5 Qe7 19.Nxa6 Rbc8 20.Rc6 Rxc6 21.dxc6 d5 22.b4 Re8 23.Nc7 Nxe4 24.fxe4 Qxe4 25.0-0 Re7 26.Bd3 Qf3 27.Bg3 f5 28.Qd1 Qxd1 29.Rxd1 Bc3 30.b5 d4 31.Bd6 Rh7 32.Ne6 Nc8 33.Bc5 Ne7 34.Nxd4 Bxd4 35.Bxd4 Kf7 36.Bc4+ Ke8 37.Bb6 Nc8 38.Rd8+ Ke7 39.Rxc8 Kf6 40.Bd4+ Ke7 41.Rc7+ 1-0

Commisso,Michael (1657) - Wang,Tianna (1617) [C11]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Be2 Nc6 8.Na4 Be7 9.Bb5 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bb4 11.Bxc6 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Qxc3+ 13.Bd2 Qxc6 14.0-0 0-0 15.Re1 b6 16.Nd4 Qc4 17.c3 Nc5 18.Qg4 Kh8 19.Qh5 Ne4 20.Be3 Qxc3 21.Rac1 Qa5



Spot The Tactic #3 (white to move)

White is two pawns down, but there's

a nice drawing resource here.

22.Red1 Nc5 23.Nf3 Ne4 24.Nh4? (Here too the computer is seeking a draw with 24.Rd4 Qxa2? (greedy; better are …f6 or …Ba6) 25.Rxe4! dxe4 26.Ng5 h6 27.Nxf7+ Rxf7 28.Qxf7 Ba6 29.Bxh6 gxh6 30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Qg6+ with a perpetual, since any deviations only get Black mated.) 24...b5 25.f3 Nc3 26.Rd2 b4 27.Bg5 Ba6 28.Re1 Qc5+ 29.Be3 Qa5 30.g4 Nxa2 31.g5 g6 32.Qg4 b3 33.Kf2 Rab8 34.Ng2 b2 35.Rb1 Nc3 0-1

Moss,Marvin (1818) - Dey,Ranjan (1503) [D35]

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be6 6.Qb3 b6 7.e3 c5 8.Bb5+ Nbd7 9.Bc6 Rc8 10.Bxd5 Bxd5 11.Nxd5 cxd4 12.exd4 Nb8 13.Nxf6+ gxf6 14.Be3 Nc6 15.Nf3 Bb4+ 16.Ke2 Qe7 17.Rhd1 0-0 18.Rac1 Na5 19.Qd3 Qe6 20.a3 Bd6 21.d5 Qg4 22.h3 Qa4 23.Qf5 Nb3 24.Rxc8 1-0

Larson,Benjamin (973) - Kammila,Anish (1183) [D07]

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bb4 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Ne4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Bd3 f5 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Qh4

12.0-0 b6 13.Bxe4 fxe4 14.f3 Ba6 15.Rf2 Rf5 16.Qa4 Raf8 17.f4 Bxc4 18.g3 Qg4 19.Bd2 Be2 20.Qd7 Rh5 21.h4 Rxh4 22.f5 Bf3 23.Qxe6+ Kh8 24.Qe7 Rh1# 0-1

Hsu,Jonathan (1670) - Relyea,Alex (1800) [C02]

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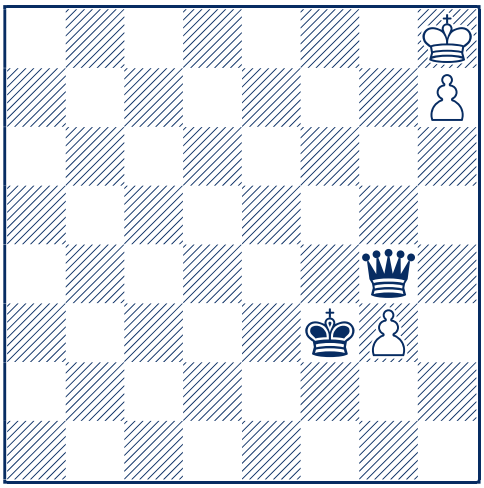
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 Ne7 8.0-0 Ng6 9.Re1 Bc5 10.Nd2 Qb6 11.Qf3 Bd4 12.Bxg6 fxg6 13.Nb3 Rf8 14.Nxd4 Rxf3 15.Nxf3 Bd7 16.Rb1 0-0-0 17.Be3 Qa5 18.a3 Rf8 19.Rec1 a6 20.c4 dxc4 21.Rxc4 Qb5 22.Rb4 Qd3 23.Rc1 Rf5 24.Nd4 Rxe5 25.Bf4 a5 26.Nxc6 Bxc6 27.Rb6 Rc5 28.Rxc6+ Rxc6 29.Rxc6+ Kb7 30.Rc7+ Kb6 31.Rc1 Qf5 32.Be3+ Kb5 33.Rc5+ Qxc5 34.Bxc5 Kxc5 35.b3 Kd4 36.f4 Kc3 37.b4 axb4 38.axb4 Kxb4 39.Kf2 Kc4 40.Kg3 Kd4 41.Kg4 h6 42.g3 Ke4 43.h3 g5 44.fxg5 hxg5 45.Kxg5 Kf3 46.h4 e5 47.h5 e4 48.Kg6 e3 49.Kxg7 e2 50.h6 e1Q 51.h7 Qe5+ 52.Kg8 Qe6+ 53.Kg7 Qg4+ 54.Kh8 ½-½



Spot The Tactic #4 (black to move)

Nareddy,Vineeth (1774) - Sifter,Thomas (1658) [B92]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Be2 Be7 10.Qd2 0-0 11.0-0 Nb6 12.Rfe1 d5 13.Nxd5 Nbxd5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Kh1 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Qc7 17.Bd3 Bxb3 18.axb3 Bf6 19.Rad1 Rfd8 20.Be4 Rd7 21.Rd3 Rxd3 22.Bxd3 g6 23.h3 b5 24.Qf2 Rd8 25.Ra1 Rd6 26.Qe3 e4 27.Qxe4 Bxb2 28.Re1 Qc6 29.Qe8+ Qxe8 30.Rxe8+ Kg7 31.Kg1 Re6 32.Rxe6 fxe6 33.Kf2 Bd4+ 34.Kg3 Bb6 35.Kf4 Kf6 36.Ke4 g5 37.g4 h6 38.Be2 ½-½

Shravani,Patil (1532) - Xu,Raymond (1672) [D45]

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1.d4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Be2 Nbd7 6.0-0 Bd6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.b3 Qc7 9.h3 dxc4 10.bxc4 Rd8 11.Qc2 b6 12.e4 Be7 13.Bb2 Rb8 14.Rad1 Nf8 15.Rfe1 Bb4 16.e5 Ne8 17.Bf1 Bxc3 18.Bxc3 b5 19.Bb2 a6 20.Re3 Qb6 21.Nh2 a5 22.c5 Qa7 23.Rg3 Nc7 24.Ng4 Kh8 25.Qc1 Nd5 26.Qg5 Ba6 27.Nf6 Ng6 28.Nxd5 Rxd5 29.Qg4 b4 30.Bxa6 Qxa6 31.h4 Rg8 32.h5 Ne7 33.Rh3 Nf5 34.Qf3 Qc4 35.Qb3 Qe2 36.Rf3 a4 37.Qxa4 Qxb2 38.Rb3 Qe2 39.Rxb4 Qxh5 40.Qb3 Rgd8 41.a4 Qe2 42.a5 Nxd4 43.Rdxd4 Rxd4 44.Rxd4 Qe1+ 45.Kh2 Qxe5+ 0-1

Relyea,Alex (1800) - Mutnuri,Krishna (1560) [C47]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4 5.d3 h6 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Be3 Bg4 9.a3 Ba5 10.h3 Be6 11.Kh2 Bb6 12.d4 Bc4 13.Re1 a5 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Bxb6 cxb6 16.b3 Be6 17.Qe2 Rc8 18.Rad1 Qc7 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Nd4 21.Nxd4 exd4 22.Rxd4 Qxc2 23.d6 Qc5 24.Qd3 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Bxb7 Rd8 27.b4 axb4 28.axb4 Qe5 29.d7 Qe6 30.Bc8 Kf8 31.Rd6 Qa2 32.Qe3 Nd5 33.Qd4 Nxb4 34.Rxb6 Nd5 35.Rb2 Qa5 36.Rd2 Nb6 37.Qd6+ Kg8 38.Qe7 Nxc8 39.Qe8+ Rxe8 40.dxe8Q+ Kh7 41.Qe4+ f5 42.Qd3 Ne7 43.Re2 Qd5 44.Qxd5 Nxd5 45.Re5 Nf6 46.Rxf5 Kg6 47.Ra5 Ne4 48.Kg2 Ng5 49.h4 Ne4 50.Kf3 Nf6 51.g4 Kf7 52.g5 hxg5 53.hxg5 Nh7 54.Kg4 Nf8 55.Kh5 Ne6 56.Kg4 Nf8 57.f4 g6 58.f5 gxf5+ 59.Rxf5+ Kg7 60.Rxf8 Kxf8 61.Kh5 ½-½

Su,Andrew (1666) - Hsu,Jonathan (1595) [D85]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bg4 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rb1 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Qxd4 15.Bd5 Rac8 16.Rxb7 Rc3

17.Qd1 e6 18.Qxd4 Bxd4 19.Bb3 Rfc8 20.g3 Rd3 21.Rb4 Bc3 22.Ra4 a5 23.Rc1 Rcd8 24.Rc4 Bb4 25.Kg2 R8d4 26.Rxd4 Rxd4 27.Rc4 Rd2 28.Rc2 Kg7 29.Rxd2 Bxd2 30.Kf3 Kf6 31.Ke2 Bb4 32.Kd3 Kg5 33.h3 Kf6 34.Ke3 ½-½

Sifter,Thomas (1654) - Commisso,Michael (1702) [B48]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.Be3 Nc6 8.0-0 b5

8...Ne5 9.h3 Bc5 is a more ambitious continuation. 8...Nxd4 9.Bxd4 Bc5 is another common way to play it.

9.Nxc6 dxc6

9...Qxc6 is the most usual move here, though the game continuation has been played as well.

10.f4 Bb7 [10...e5] 11.e5 Nd5 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Bd4 Bc5 14.c3 Qb6 15.Kh1 h5

The d4 square is indirectly defended: if 15...Bxd4 16.cxd4 Qxd4?? 17.Bxb5+ In the only two Master level games in my database, Black played 15...Bc6 to avoid the check on b5 and "threaten" to win material on d4. However, in both White quite correctly ignored this and played 16.f5! the point being that if 16...Bxd4 17.cxd4 Qxd4? 18.fxe6 Black can't recapture because of Bg6+.

16.b4?!

There is no need for this. White should strike immediately with 16.f5. After 16...0-0-0 17.Be2 White has a clear advantage, though Black has some chances too.

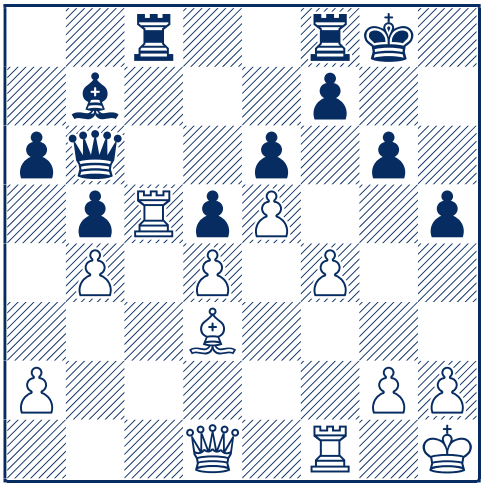
16...Bxd4 17.cxd4 g6 18.Rc1 0-0

Black seems to have avoided immediate disaster but it's not so - if only White has the courage to commit fully to the attack.

19.Rc5

The correct first step, cutting off counter play on the c-file.

19...Rac8



(white to move)

20.Qb1?

Wrong! 20.g4! will tear open Black's position despite all efforts to defend. Here are a few tries: 20...hxg4 (20...Rxc5 21.bxc5 Qd8 22.gxh5 Qh4 23.Rg1; 20...h4 21.f5; 20...Qd8 21.gxh5) 21.Qxg4 Kg7 22.Bxg6! fxg6 23.Rg1 Kf7 24.Qxg6+ Ke7 when White has a winning attack.

20...Kg7 21.Rfc1

White is still slightly better but the immediate breakthrough on the kingside is gone.

21...Rxc5 22.Rxc5 Rc8 23.Qc2

23.Rxc8 Bxc8 24.Qb2 would be completely equal.

23...Rxc5 24.bxc5

24.Qxc5 Qxc5 25.dxc5 would be no problem for White, despite the potential opening of the a8-h1 diagonal.

24...Qa5 25.g3 Bc6

Now Black is a little better because of the mobility of his queenside pawns. The computer says White can hold but it will require precise play.

26.Bf1 Qb4 27.Qd3 Qc4 28.Qxc4?

28.a3

28...dxc4+ 29.Kg1 Kf8 30.Kf2 Bd5 31.a3 a5 32.Ke1 b4 33.axb4 axb4 34.Kd2 Ke7 35.Kc1

The last chance was the immediate 35.Be2 with the idea 35...Kd7 36.Bd1 preparing Ba4+ to keep the Black king from b5.

35...Kd7 36.Be2 Kc7? 0-1

Giving White new hope. However, White chose this moment to resign. Correct was 36...Kc6 37.Bd1 Kb5 and Black wins. 36...Kc7? 37.Bd1

Walton,Robert (1538) - Patil,Shravani (1554) [C84]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Nc3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.d4?

8.d3

8...exd4 9.Nxd4?? Nxd4 10.Qxd4 c5

A variant on the old "Noah's Ark" trap - a pattern every player should learn.

11.Qe3 c4 12.e5 Ne8 13.Qe4 Rb8 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Qxc4

White is just completely lost here - but Black still has to play some decent moves.

15...Bb7 16.Bf4 Qb6 17.Qd3 Qc6 18.f3 d6 19.Ne4 dxe5 20.Ng5 Qg6 21.Qxg6 fxg6?

Not fatal but very ugly. Capturing toward the center is clearly better. Why give White the nice e6 square if you don't have to? 21...hxg6 22.Bxe5 Rc8 23.Nh3 (or 23.Ne4 Bxe4 24.fxe4 Rxc2-+) 23...Rxc2

22.Bxe5 Rc8 23.Ne6 Rf5 24.Rfe1 Bf6?

24...Rxc2 is the best of course. 25.Nd4 can be met by 25...Bc5

25.Bxf6 Nxf6 26.Nd4 Rd5 27.c3

White has significant compensation for the piece now. It is no longer at all easy.

27...Rd6 28.Re7 Rd7 29.Rae1 Rxe7 30.Rxe7 Bd5 31.Ra7 Bxa2 32.Rxa6 Bc4 33.Ra7 Ne8?

Moving pieces to the back rank is not a strategy for success.

34.Kf2 Rb8 35.b4 Nd6 36.Rc7 Rc8 37.Rxc8+ Nxc8

White should not lose now - but neither should Black.

38.Ke3 Kf7 39.Nc2 Ke6 40.Kd4 Bb3 41.Ne3 Kd6 42.c4 Kc6 43.b5+ Kb6 44.Nd5+ Kb7 45.c5 Bxd5?

Leaving only the short range knight for defense now puts Black in serious trouble.

46.Kxd5 Kc7

46...Na7 is a little better but after 47.b6 Nc6 48.Ke6 it's not going to be much fun.

47.Ke6+- Kd8 48.Kf7 Kd7 49.Kxg7 Ke7 50.b6 1-0

Wang,Tianna (1611) - Moss,Marvin (1818) [D35]

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 h6 10.Bh4 Ne4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Qc2 f5 13.Nf4 Qe8 14.b4 g5 15.Nfe2 Qe7 16.b5 Nb6 17.a4 Nd6 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Nd1 Bd7 20.Nb2 Rae8 21.a5 Nbc8 22.Na4 f4 23.exf4 gxf4 24.Qd2 Qg5 25.Kh1 Ne4 26.Bxe4 dxe4 27.Nc5 Bf5 28.Qxf4 Qg7 29.Qg3 Bg4 30.Nc3 Bf5 31.Qxg7+ Kxg7 32.Rfe1 Nd6 33.Kg1 Rf7 34.Rad1 Rfe7 35.d5 Nb5 36.Nxb5 cxb5 37.Rd4 Rc8 38.d6 Rxc5 39.dxe7 1-0

Scoresheet error. Black resigned after the next move.

-Hal Terrie

Joseph Bennett (right) vs Walter Fabian (left)

Bennett,Joseph (1832) - Fabian,Walter (1536) [A03]

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1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Qe1 Nc6 8.a4 Nb4 9.Bd1 b6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.c3 Nc6 12.d4 cxd4 13.exd4 Nxd4 14.Na3 Ne6 15.Nb5 Qb7 16.g4 Ne4 17.Qh4 Bxe5 18.fxe5 Re8 19.Be3 Bd7 20.Bb3 a6 21.Nd4 Nf8 22.Rf3 Nc5 23.Bc2 Qc8 24.h3 Qc7 25.Qg3 f6 26.Raf1 fxe5 27.Nf5

Bxf5 28.gxf5 Qd6 29.fxg6 Nxg6 30.h4 e4 31.Bxc5 bxc5 32.Rf4 Kh8 33.Rg4 Qxg3+ 34.Rxg3 Nxh4 35.Rh3 Rg8+ 36.Kh1 Ng6 37.c4 e6 38.b4 Raf8 39.Rg1 Rf3 40.Rxf3 exf3 41.bxc5 Rc8 42.cxd5 exd5 43.Bxg6 hxg6 44.Rxg6 Rf8 45.Kg1 Rc8 46.Kf2 a5 47.c6 Kh7 48.Rd6 d4 49.Kxf3 Kg7 50.Ke4 Kf7 51.Kxd4 Ke7 52.Rh6 Rg8 53.Kc5 Rb8 54.Rh7+ Ke6 55.Rb7 Rc8 1-0

Barkey,Dale (1790) - Relyea,Alex (1800) [C02]

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Bd3 Nh6 7.0-0 Be7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.b4 Bb6 10.Bxh6 gxh6 11.Nbd2 d4 12.b5 1-0

Wang,Tianna (1611) - Bennett,Joseph (1832) [D10]

67th NH Open/U1850 Nashua, NH (4), 2017-07-09

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The top board from the U1850 section. Joseph Bennett has been on a roll - he won the Mass Open U1800 section and tied for 1st in the Kopec Memorial U1900 section. Playing for 1st once again, he loses badly to a promising young female player.

1.d4 c5 2.c3 cxd4 3.cxd4 d5 4.Nc3 e6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bf4 Bd7 7.e3 Rc8 8.a3 Nf6 9.Bd3 a6 10.0-0 Nh5 11.Bg5 f6 12.Ne5 g6 13.Bh4 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Be7 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Rc1 0-0 18.Qb3 Kg7 19.Qxb7 Rb8 20.Qxa6 Rxb2 21.Qd6 Rb6 22.Qg3 Nh5 23.Qe5+ Nf6 24.Rb1 Rxb1 25.Rxb1 Kh6 26.Qd4 e5 27.Qh4+ Kg7 28.Be2 Qc7 29.Qb4 Kh6?? 1-0

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Levin,Eric (1579) - Venkatraman,Varatharajan (1414) [D05]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 d5 4.Bd3 Bd6 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nbd2 b6 7.e4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bb7 9.Re1 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Bxe4 11.Rxe4 c5 12.c3 Nc6 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.h3 h6 15.Bh4 Ne7 16.Bxe7 Bxe7 17.Qe2 Bf6 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.Rd1 Rad8 20.Nd4 Rd6 21.Nb3 Qc7 22.Re3 Rfd8 23.Red3 Qc4 24.Nc1 Qc7 25.Rxd6 Rxd6 26.Rxd6 Qxd6 27.Qd3 Qxd3 28.Nxd3 Kf8 29.c4 Ke7 30.b3 Kd6 31.Kf1 Kc6 32.b4 a6 33.Ke2 Be7 34.Ke3 f5 35.Kf4 Bf6 36.a4 g5+ 37.Ke3 h5 38.f4 g4 39.hxg4 hxg4 40.Ne5+ Bxe5 41.fxe5 a5 42.b5+ Kc5 43.Kd3 Kb4 44.Kd4 Kxa4 45.Kc3 f4 46.c5 Kxb5 0-1

Garside,Finn (1453) - Yerra,Sai Sneha (1514) [C54]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bxb4 Ndxb4 11.Qb3 a5 12.a3 a4 13.Qc3 Nd5 14.Bxd5 Qxd5 15.Re1 Bg4 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Qd6 18.Qg3 Qxd4 19.Nc3 Be6 20.Rd1 Qb6 21.Rb5 Qc6 22.Qe3 Bb3 23.Re1 Rfe8 24.Re5 Re6 25.Rxe6 Qxe6 26.Qxe6 fxe6 27.Nb5 c6 28.Nd4 Kf7 29.Nxb3 axb3 30.Re3 Rd8 31.Kf1 Rd2 32.Rxb3 b5 33.Ke1 Rc2 34.Rc3 Rxb2 35.Rxc6 Rb3 36.Rc5 Rxa3 37.Rxb5 Ra1+ ½-½

Ranganath,Vittal (1808) - Radford,Mike (1462) [D30]

67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.c5 Nc6 5.Bf4 b6 6.cxb6 axb6 7.e3 Bb4+ 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.a3 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Qc2 c5 15.0-0 Ba6 16.Nf3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Qe4 18.Rfd1 Qxd3 19.Rxd3 c4 20.Rd4 b5 21.Rad1 Rfe8 22.Nd2 Rad8 23.Nb1 Re4 24.Nc3 Rxd4 25.Rxd4 g6 26.Kf1 Kf8 27.e4 Ke7 28.e5 Ke6 1-0

Saanvi,Tiruveedhula (1491) - Liu,Jeffrey (1349) [C50]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.h3 Na5 7.Bb5+ c6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 Nxb3 10.axb3 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Re1 Qc7 13.Nh4 Qb6 14.Rf1 d5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Kh1 Bxf2 17.Nf3 Bc5 18.Re1 Bd6 19.Bg5 d4 20.Bxf6 dxc3 21.Bxe5 cxb2 22.Bxb2 Bb7 23.Rf1 Bc7 24.Ng5 Qh6 25.Rxf7 g6 26.Rxc7 Reb8 27.Rg7+ Kf8 28.Qf1+ Ke8 29.Qf7+ Kd8 30.Qf8# 1-0

Tiruveedhula,Maruthi (1445) - Yin,Benjamin (1506) [D02]

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1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bf5 3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg6 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bb5+ Nd7 9.Nxd5 e5 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nc3 Qe7 13.e4 Nc5 14.Re1 Bh5 15.Be3 Ne6 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Rc1 Qa5 18.Nc3 Bb4 19.Be2 Bxc3 20.Rxc3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Qxa2 22.Qb3 Qxb3 23.Rxb3 b6 24.Rb5 f6 25.Bg4 Nc7 26.Rb3 Rfd8 27.Rc3 Nb5 28.Rc4 Rd3 29.Rec1 Rb3 30.Be6+ Kf8 31.R4c2 Rb4 32.Bd2 Rd4 33.Be3 Rb4 34.g3 Ke7 35.Bc4 Nd6 36.f3 a5 37.Bd5 Rb8 38.Rc7+ Kf8 39.b3 a4 40.bxa4 Rxa4 41.Rd7 Nc8 42.Rcc7 Nd6 43.Rxg7 Nf7 44.Rgxf7+ Ke8 45.Bc6+ Kd8 46.Rcd7+ Ke8 47.Bxa4 b5 48.Bb3 Rd8 49.Rde7# 1-0

O'Neil,Brian (1483) - Norris,Robert (1276) [C45]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Ba6 9.g3 g5 10.Bg2 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.Qg4 Qxe5 13.cxd5 Bxf1 14.Bxf1 cxd5 15.Ba6+ 1-0

Yadawad,Ansh (1340) - Li,Justin (1460) [D45]

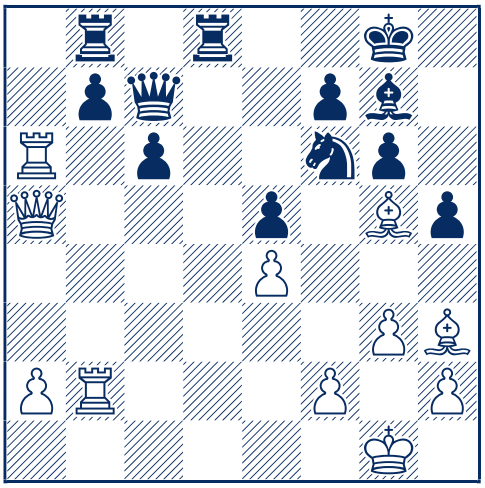
67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Bb4 6.Bd2 0-0 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bg4 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qe2 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Ne4 12.Rac1 Nxc3 13.Rxc3 Nf6 14.Rd1 Re8 15.h3 Bd7 16.Rcc1 Nh5 17.Qc2 h6 18.Re1 Nf6 19.Rcd1 Ne4 20.Qe2 Qa5 21.a3 Bf5 22.Qc2 Bh7 23.Nd2 Nf6 24.Bxh7+ Nxh7 25.Rc1 Ng5 26.Qc3 Qb6 27.Qb3 Qa5 28.Qc3 Qa6 29.Nb3 Re7 30.Nc5 Qb6 31.Qb3 Rae8 32.Qxb6 axb6 33.Na4 Ne6 34.Red1 b5 35.Nc5 Nxc5 36.Rxc5 Ra8 37.Rd3 Ra4 38.Rb3 Rc7 39.Rc2 Re7 40.Rc5 f5 41.Rc1 Re4 42.f3 Re8 43.f4 Re4 44.Kf2 Kf7 45.g4 Kf6 46.Kg3 g5 47.Rf1 gxf4+ 48.Rxf4 Rxf4 49.Kxf4 fxg4 50.hxg4 Ra8 51.Rc3 Re8 52.Rc2 Re4+ 53.Kf3 Kg5 54.Rg2 Kh4 55.Rh2+ Kg5 56.Rg2 Re7 57.b4 Re8 58.Re2 Rf8+ 59.Kg3 Ra8 60.Ra2 b6 61.Kf3 Rc8 62.Rc2 Rf8+ 63.Kg3 Rf6 64.Rc3 Re6 65.Kf3 Rf6+ 66.Kg3 Kg6 67.Rc2 Kf7 68.Rf2 Rxf2 69.Kxf2 Kf6 70.Kf3 Ke6 71.Kf4 Kf6 72.Kf3 Kg6 73.Kf4 Kf6 74.Kf3 Kg5 75.Kg3 Kf6 76.Kf4 Ke6 77.Kf3 Kd7 78.Kf4 Ke6 79.Kf3 Kf6 80.Kf4 Kg6 81.Kf3 ½-½

Havener,Jason (1633) - Garside,Finn (1453) [E62]

67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.c4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Bg2 c6 7.e4 Nbd7 8.Be3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Qc2 Be6 12.Rd1 Qa5 13.0-0 Bxc4 14.b4 Qxb4 15.Rb1 Qe7 16.Ne2 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Rfd8 18.Rfc1 h5 19.Bg5 Rac8 20.Bh3 Rb8 21.Qe3 a6 22.Rb6 Qd6 23.Rcb1 Qd3 24.Qe1 Qa3 25.R1b2 Qd6 26.Qa5 Qc7 27.Rxa6



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27...Qxa5 (Better is 27...Rd1+ 28.Kg2 [28...Bf1 Qc8! {threatening ...Qh3 and ...bxa6} 29.Qa4 {attacking d1} 29...Rxf1+ {simplest} 30.Kxf1 bxa6 31.Rxb8 Qxb8] 29.Qxa5 29.Rxa5 Nxe4∓) 28.Rxa5 Ra8 29.Rxa8 Rxa8 30.Bxf6 Bxf6 31.Bd7 c5 32.Rxb7 Rxa2 33.Be8 Ra1+ 34.Kg2 Bg5 35.Bxf7+ Kg7 36.Be8+ Kf8 37.Bxg6 h4 38.Rf7+ Kg8 39.Rf5 Be7 40.Rxe5 Bd6 41.Rd5 Be7 42.gxh4 c4 43.Rd7 c3 44.e5 Bxh4 45.e6 1-0

O'Neil,Brian (1483) - Ranganath,Vittal (1639) [C01]

67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Nbd2 c6 10.c3 Be6 11.Qc2 Nd7 12.Rfe1 Rfe8 13.b4 Re7 14.a4 Rae8 15.h3 a6 16.b5 axb5 17.axb5 c5 18.Qa2 c4 19.Bc2 Kf8 20.Qa7 b6 21.Qa2 Bf4 22.Qa3 Kg8 23.Nf1 Bb8 24.Ne3 Kh8 25.Re2 Nf8 26.Rae1 Ra7 27.Qb4 Rd8 28.Ne5 Bd6 29.Qb1 Rda8 30.N3g4 Bxg4 31.Nxg4 Qf4 32.Ne5 Bxe5 33.Rxe5 Qd2 34.R5e3 Ra2 35.R1e2 Qxe2

36.Rxe2 Ra1 37.Qxa1 Rxa1+ 38.Kh2 Ne6 39.Bf5 Ra5 40.Bxe6 fxe6 41.Rxe6 Rxb5 42.Rd6 Kg8 43.Kg3 Kf8 44.Kf4 Ke7 45.Ke5 Rb3 46.Kxd5 Rxc3 47.Rxb6 Rc2 48.g4 Rxf2 49.Kxc4 Rh2 50.Rb3 Rc2+ 51.Kd5 Kf6 52.Kd6 Rc8 53.Kd7 Ra8 54.d5 Ke5 55.d6 Ra7+ 56.Kc6 Ra6+ 57.Kc7 Ra7+ 58.Kc6 Ra6+ 59.Kc5 Ra5+ 60.Kb6 Rd5 61.Re3+ Kxd6 62.Rf3 Ke7 63.Kc6 Rd6+ 64.Kc7 Rf6 65.Re3+ Kf7 66.Kd7 Kg6 67.h4 Rf4 68.Re6+ Kh7 69.g5 h5 70.Ke7 Rxh4 71.Re3 Rf4 72.Ke6 Kg6 0-1

Radford,Mike (1462) - Levin,Eric (1579) [B03]

67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.f4 dxe5 5.fxe5 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nf3 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nbd2 Ne3 10.Qe1 Nxf1 11.Qxf1 Nb4 12.c3 Nd5 13.Ne4 a6 14.Bd3 Bc6 15.Nfg5 Bxg5 16.Nxg5 Qe7 17.Ne4 f6 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Bg5 Rf8 20.Qe2 0-0-0 21.Nc5 h6 22.Bh4 g5 23.Bg3 Nd5 24.Re1 Nf4 25.Bxf4 Rxf4 26.Nxe6 Qf6 27.Nxf4 Qxf4 28.Rf1 Qd6 29.Qf2 Kb8 30.Qf6 Qd5 31.Rf2 Re8 32.Kf1 Qxa2 33.Qg6 Qa1+ 34.Bb1 Be4?? (34...Bb5+ 35.c4 Bxc4+ 36.Re2 Rxe2 mates) 35.Qxe8+ Ka7 36.Qxe4 1-0

Yerra,Sai Sneha (1514) - Tiruveedhula,Maruthi (1445) [C01]

67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.e3 exd4 4.exd4 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Nc3 c6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bxe7 Qxe7+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Ngxe2 0-0 11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.Nc3 Be6 13.Be2 Nc6 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Rad1 Nxe2+ 16.Nxe2 Rfd8 17.Rfe1 Rac8 18.Nf4 Rc6 19.Re5 d4 20.h3 Bxa2 21.Ra5 Bb3 22.Rd3 Bc4 23.Rd2 a6 24.Ra4 g5 25.Nd3 Bb5 26.Rb4 Re6 27.Nc5 Re7 28.Rbxd4 Rxd4 29.Rxd4 Bc6 30.Rc4 Re1+ 31.Kh2 Re2 32.Rg4 h6 33.h4 f6 34.hxg5 hxg5 35.f4 Kf7 36.fxg5 fxg5 37.Rxg5 Kf6 38.Rg8 Rxb2 39.Nd3 Rb5 40.g3 Rh5+ 41.Kg1 Rh1+ 42.Kf2 Rh2+ 43.Ke3 Kf7 44.Rb8 Ke7 45.Nc5 Rc2 46.Kd4 Rd2+ 47.Ke3 Rd8 48.Rxd8 Kxd8 49.g4 Ke8 50.Kf4 Kf7 51.Ke5 a5 52.Nb3 a4 53.Na1 Kg6 54.Kd4 b5 55.Kc5 Be8 56.Nc2 Kg5 57.Ne3 Kf4 58.Nd5+ Kg5 59.Nc3 Kxg4 60.Nxa4 bxa4 61.Kb4 Kf4 62.Kc4 Ke3 63.Kc3 Ke2 64.Kc2 Bf7 65.Kb2 Be8 66.Kc2 Ke3 67.Kc3 Ke4 68.Kc4 Ke5 69.Kc3 Kd5 70.Kb4 Kd4 71.Ka3 Kc3 72.Ka2 Kb4 73.Kb2 Bf7 74.Kc2 a3 75.Kb1 Kb3 76.Ka1 Kc3 77.Kb1 Kb4 78.Ka1 Ka4 79.Kb1 Kb3 80.Ka1 Be6 81.Kb1 Ka4 82.Ka1 ½-½

Li,Justin (1515) - Patel,Nita (1313) [D06]

67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.cxd5 Qxd5 4.Nc3 Qd8 5.Bf4 e6 6.e3 Bd6 7.Bxd6 cxd6 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Rc1 0-0 10.Nf3 Bxb5 11.Nxb5 Qa5+ 12.Nc3 Nd5 13.a3 Nd7 14.0-0 N7f6 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Qd3 Qd8 17.Rfd1 Nb6 18.Qe4 d5 19.Qe5 Nc4 20.Qg3 Nxb2 21.Rf1 Nc4 22.a4 h6 23.Rb1 b6 24.Rfc1 Nd6 25.Ne5 Ne4 26.Qf4 Qg5 (26...Rc8∓) 27.Qxg5 Nxg5 28.Rc7 Ne4 29.Nc6 Nd2 30.Rd1 Nc4 31.Ra1 a6 32.Rb7 Rfe8 33.g3 Kf8 34.Ne5 Re7 35.Rxe7 Kxe7 36.Nc6+ Kd6 37.Nb4 f6 38.Kg2 Kc7 39.h4 h5 40.Kf3 Kb7 41.Ke2 Rc8 42.Rc1 a5 43.Nd3 Nd6 44.Ra1 Rc2+ 45.Kf3 Ne4 46.Rf1 Nd2+ 0-1

Venkatraman,Varatharajan (1414) - Saanvi,Tiruveedhula (1491) [C65]

67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Be7 5.Re1 d6 6.d4 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.dxe5 Ng4 9.exd6 cxd6 10.h3 Ne5 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Qxd8+ Bxd8 13.Be3 0-0 14.Nc3 f5 15.f3 Rb8 16.Rab1 f4 17.Bc5 Rf6 18.Red1 Be6 19.b3 Rg6 20.Kh2 Bh4 21.Bd6 Re8 22.Ne2 Bf6 23.Rd3 Rd8 24.Rbd1 h5 25.Bc5 Re8 26.Rd6 Rh6 27.Rxc6 a5 28.Bb6 a4 29.bxa4 Bxa2 30.Ra1 Bf7 31.a5 Rh8 32.a6 Kh7 33.a7 Ra8 34.Bc7 Rhc8 35.Rb6 Rxc7 36.Rb8 Raxa7 37.Rxa7 Rxa7 38.Rb1 Ra2 39.Rc1 Be7 40.Nc3 Ra8 41.Nb5 Rc8 42.c3 g5 43.Rd1 Be6 44.Ra1 Kg8 45.Ra6 Bc4 46.Ra5 Rc5 47.Ra8+ Kf7 48.Na7 Ra5 0-1

Yin,Benjamin (1506) - Yadawad,Ansh (1340) [C01]

67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.exd5 exd5 6.Nf3 Be6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qd2 c6 10.Rae1 Qc7 11.h3 Rfe8 12.Re3 Bd6 13.Rfe1 h6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Ne5 Nd7 16.Qe2 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Be7 18.Qh5 Kh8 19.Rg3 Rf8 20.Ne2 Rae8 21.Nf4 Bg5 22.Nxe6 fxe6 1-0

Patel,Nita (1313) - Tiruveedhula,Kishore (1411) [D08]

67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (3), 2017-07-09

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.e3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 dxe3 6.fxe3 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 Nge7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bxb4 Nxb4 11.Nc3 Ng6 12.Qb3 Qe7 13.a3 Nc6 14.Qxb7 Ncxe5 15.Qe4 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Qxe4 17.Bxe4 Rae8 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Rfe1 c6 20.b4 a6 21.c5 Re5 22.Rad1 Bxd1 23.Nxd1 Rd8 24.Nb2 Red5 25.e4 Rd4 26.Kf1 Re8 27.e5 Re6 28.g3 f6 29.exf6 Rxe1+ 30.Kxe1 gxf6 31.Ke2 f5 32.Ke3 Re4+ 33.Kf3 Kf7 34.Nd3 Kf6 35.Nf2 Rc4 36.Nd1 Rc1 37.Ne3 Rc3 38.g4 fxg4+ 39.Kf4 g5+ 40.Ke4 Rxa3 41.Nxg4+ Ke6 42.Ne5 Rh3 43.Nxc6 Rxh2 44.Nd4+ Kd7 45.Kf5 Rg2 46.Ke5 Rf2 47.Kd5 Rf6 48.c6+ Kc7 49.Kc5 g4 50.b5 axb5 51.Nxb5+ Kc8 52.Nd6+ Rxd6 0-1

Radford,Mike (1462) - Yerra,Sai Sneha (1602) [C44]

67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (3), 2017-07-09

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Bb4 6.Bc4 Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Ne2 d6 9.Nf4 Bg4 10.Nd3 Ba5 11.h3 Bh5 12.Nf4 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Ne5 14.Qe2 N7c6 15.Be3 Kh8 16.Bb3 Ng6 17.Nxg6+ fxg6 18.f4 Qe7 19.Bd5 Bb6 20.Bxb6 axb6 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Qc4 c5 23.Qd5 Ra4 24.Rae1 Rd4 25.Qc6 Rd2 26.e5 dxe5 27.Rxe5 Qd7 28.Qxd7 Rxd7 29.Rfe1 h6 30.g3 Rd3 31.R5e3 Rfd8 32.Re8+ Kh7 33.Rxd8 Rxd8 34.Kf2 b5 35.Re3 b4 36.Ke2 Ra8 37.a3 bxa3 38.bxa3 Rd8 39.Rc3 Ra8 40.Kd3 g5 41.fxg5 hxg5 42.Ke4 Kg6 43.Kd5 g4 44.h4 Rf8 45.Ke4 Rf5 46.a4 Rf2 47.Rxc5 Rf3 48.Rg5+ Kh7 49.Rxg4 Ra3 50.Kd5 Rc3 51.Kd4 Ra3 52.Kc5 Rc3+ 53.Kb4 Rc6 54.a5 Kh6 55.Kb5 Rg6 56.Rxg6+ Kxg6 57.a6 Kf5 58.a7 Kg4 59.a8Q Kxg3 60.Qg8 Kxh4 61.Qxg7 c6+ 62.Kxc6 Kh3 63.Qg5 Kh2 64.Qg4 Kh1 65.Kd5 Kh2 66.Ke4 Kh1 67.Kf3 Kh2 68.Qg2# 1-0

Patel,Nita (1313) - Garside,Finn (1453) [D94]

67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (4), 2017-07-09

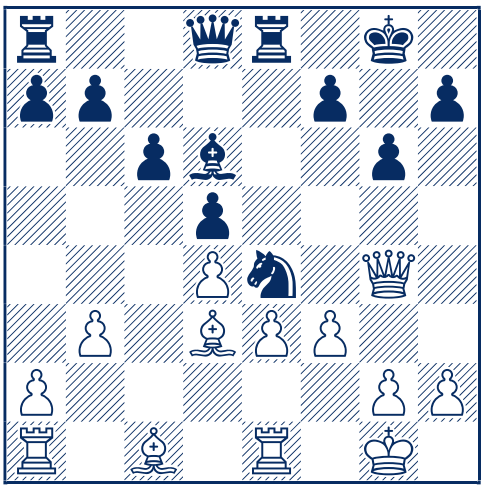
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bd2 Nc6 8.Qb3 Nb6 9.Be2 Be6 10.Qd1 Nd5 11.a3 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Bd5 13.0-0 Re8 14.Rc1 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Bf3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 b6 20.Rd1 Qe7 21.Qc6 Rac8 22.Rd7 Rcd8 23.Rcd3 Rxd7 24.Rxd7 Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.Qc2 Kg7 27.g3 c5 28.Kf1 Kf6 29.Qe2 Qd5 30.Kg1 Qe4 31.Qd1 Qc6 ½-½

Tiruveedhula,Maruthi (1411) - Ranganath,Vittal (1639)

67th NH Open/U1650 Nashua, NH (4), 2017-07-09

The top board from the U1650 section. Ranganath took clear first with a 4-0 score by winning this game. *-Hal Terrie*

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bf5 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nf6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Be2 Bd6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Re1 0-0 10.b3 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Nd2 Nf6 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bd3 Re8 15.Qg4 g6 16.f3



Spot The Tactic #5 (black to move)

The combination played in the game is very nice,

but can you find something better?

16…Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Nf2 18.Qg3 Nxd3 19.Rd1 Nxc1 20.Raxc1 Rxe3 21.Qf2 Re7 22.Re1 Qd6+ 23.Kg1 Rae8 24.Rxe7 Rxe7 25.Re1 Re6 26.Kf1 Qe7 27.Qd2 Rxe1+ 28.Qxe1 Qxe1+ 29.Kxe1 f5 30.f4 h6 31.g3 g5 32.Kf2 Kf7 33.Kf3 g4+ 34.Ke3 Kg6 35.b4 h5 36.Kf2 Kf6 37.a3 Ke6 38.a4 Kd6 39.a5 b6 40.axb6 axb6 41.Ke3 c5 42.dxc5+ bxc5 43.bxc5+ Kxc5 44.Kd3 d4 45.Kd2 Kc4 46.Kc2 d3+ 47.Kd2 Kd4 48.Kd1 Ke3 49.Ke1 Kf3 50.Kd2 Kxg3 51.Kxd3 Kxf4 52.Ke2 Kg3 53.Kf1 h4 0-1

UNDER 1450

Ashley,Logan (1207) - Larson,Benjamin (973) [E92]

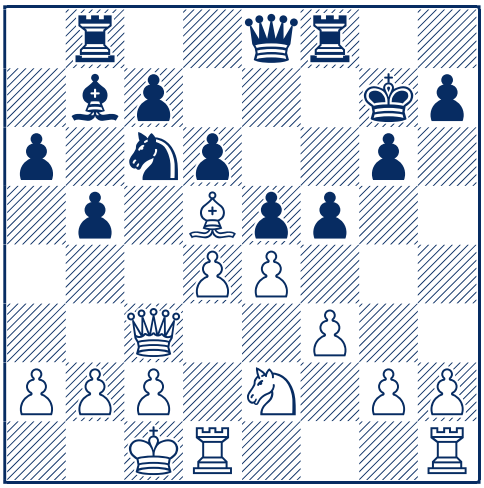
67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Be3 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.Qc2 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Ng4 11.Qd3 b6 12.h3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 c5 14.Rdg1 Rb8 15.g4 h6 16.h4 Kh7 17.Nh2 Ng8 18.f4 f5 19.fxe5 Bxe5 20.Nf3 f4 21.Qd3 h5 22.Ng5+ Kh6 23.gxh5 gxh5 24.Qf3 Nf6 25.Qg2 Ng4 26.Nd1 Qf6 27.Nc3 Bxc3 28.bxc3 Qxc3+ 29.Kd1 Ba4# 0-1

Beck,Spencer (1064) - McGaffington,Joseph (1394) [B07]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2 b5 8.Bb3 Bb7 9.Bh6 Nc6 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Nge2 e5 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 f5 14.Qc3 Qe8 15.0-0-0 Rb8



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16.Nf4?? (16.exf5 Rxf5 17.Rhe1±) 16...exf4 17.Rhe1 Qd7 18.exf5 Ne7 19.Bxb7 Rxb7 20.fxg6 Nd5 21.Qb3 c6 22.gxh7 Kxh7 23.Qd3+ Qf5 24.Qxf5+ Rxf5 25.Re6 Rd7 26.b3 b4 27.Kb2 a5 28.a3 Rg5 29.Rd2 Kg7 30.axb4 axb4 31.Re8 Rc7 32.Re6 Rg6 33.Rde2 Ne3 34.Rxg6+ Kxg6 35.g3 Re7 36.Kb1 fxg3 37.hxg3 d5 38.Kc1 Kg5 39.Kd2 Nf1+ 40.Kd3 Rxe2 41.Kxe2 Nxg3+ 42.Kd3 Kf4 43.c3 bxc3 44.Kxc3 Kxf3 45.Kb4 Ke4 46.Kc5 Nf5 47.Kxc6 Nxd4+ 48.Kc5 Nxb3+ 49.Kb4 Nc1 50.Kc3 Ke3 51.Kc2 Ne2 52.Kd1 d4 53.Kc2 d3+ 0-1

Benoit,Brett (1093) - Briggs,Donald (1444) [E10]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nc6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 d6 5.e3 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.a3 Bf6 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.b4 e5 12.Bb2 Bg4 13.Re1 e4 14.Nd2 Bf5 15.Rc1 Be6 16.Qc2 Bf5 17.Bc4 Qd6 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Qxe4 b6 20.Bd5 Rae8 21.Rxc6 Rxe4 22.Rxd6 cxd6 23.Bxe4 Rc8 24.Rc1 Re8 25.Bb7 g6 26.Rc8 Bd8 27.d5 Kf8 28.Bc6 Ke7 29.Bxe8 Kxe8 30.Bf6 1-0

Burchard,Julian (535) - Fiske,Mike (1181) [B23]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nd5 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 Be7 6.Be3 Nc6 7.a3 0-0 8.Be2 e5 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Qd2 a6 11.Bf3 Qd7 12.Nge2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Ne2 Bg4 15.Ng1 Rac8 16.Qd1 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Rc7 18.0-0 Rfc8 19.Rc1 Qa4 20.Ne1 h6 21.Bd2 Qd7 22.c4 dxc3 23.bxc3 d5 24.Nf3 dxe4 25.Nxe5 Qf5 26.d4 Bxa3 27.Ra1 Bd6 28.Ra5 Bxe5 29.Rxe5 Qg6 30.Qb3 h5 31.Rg5 Qh6 32.Bf4 Nh7 33.Rf5 Qg6 34.Bxc7 Qxf5 35.Qa4 Rxc7 36.Qe8+ Nf8 37.c4 Rxc4 38.f3 exf3 39.gxf3 Qg5+ 40.Kf2 Rc2+ 41.Ke1 Qd2# 0-1

Burchard,Kyle (856) - Ranganath,Vishnu (1197) [B18]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Nc5 e5 6.Nxb7 Qb6 7.Nc5 exd4 8.Nb3 c5 9.Qe2+ Qe6 10.c3 dxc3 11.bxc3 Nf6 12.Be3 Nbd7 13.c4 Rc8 14.f3 h5 15.Nh3 Bxh3 16.gxh3 g6 17.Bg2 Bg7 18.0-0 0-0 19.Rad1 Nb6 20.Na5 Bh6 21.Rfe1 Rfe8 22.f4 Bxf4 23.Rd3 Nxc4 24.Nxc4 Qxc4 25.Qd2 Re7 26.Rf1 Bxe3+ 27.Rxe3 Rxe3 28.Qxe3 Nh7 29.a3 Qd4 30.Qf2 Qxf2+ 31.Rxf2 c4 32.Bd5 Ng5 33.Kg2 Ne6 34.Kg3 Rc5 35.Rd2 c3 36.Rc2 Nd4 37.Rxc3 Rxc3+ 38.Kf4 Ne6+ 39.Ke5 Rxa3 40.h4 Rc3 41.Bg2 a5 42.Bd5 a4 43.Ba2 Rc2 44.Bb1 Rb2 45.Be4 a3 46.Bd5 a2 47.Bxa2 Rxa2 48.Kf6 g5 49.h3 gxh4 50.Kf5 Rg2 51.Ke4 Rf2 52.Ke3 Rf6 53.Ke4 Kg7 54.Ke5 Kg6 55.Kd6 Nf4+ 0-1

Greene,Nathaniel (1125) - Farahani,Armon [D07]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 Bg4 4.cxd5 Bxf3 5.dxc6 Be4 6.cxb7 Rb8 7.Qa4+ Qd7 8.Qxa7 Rd8 9.b8Q Rxb8 10.Qxb8+ Qd8 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.Nc3 f5 13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.Bf4 h6 15.e3 g5 16.Be5 Rh7 17.Bb5 Bg7 18.Bg3 e5 19.dxe5 Bf8 20.0-0-0+ Kc8 21.f3 c6 22.Ba6+ Kb8 23.Rd8+ Ka7 24.Bc4 Ne7 25.Rxf8 Nd5 26.Bxd5 cxd5 27.Kb1 exf3 28.gxf3 Rb7 29.Rd1 Rd7 30.e4 h5 31.e6 Rb7 32.Rxd5 h4 33.Bf2+ Ka6 34.Ra8+ 1-0

Kammila,Akhil (1173) - Nadella,Praneet (500) [C80]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.Re1 Nf6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.Rxe5+ Be7 9.d4 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Nc3 h6 12.Bb3 d6 13.Re3 Bg4 14.Qc4 Rf8 15.Bd2 Be6 16.d5 Bf5 17.Rae1 Re8 18.Qe2 Bg4 19.f3 Bd7 20.Rxe7 Rxe7 21.Qxe7 Qxe7 22.Rxe7 Re8 23.Rxe8+ Nxe8 24.Ba4 c6 25.Ne4 Bf5 26.dxc6 bxc6 27.Bxc6 Nc7 28.g4 Be6 29.b3 f5 30.gxf5 Bxf5 31.c4 a5 32.Bxa5 Na6 33.Nxd6 Bb1 34.a3 Ba2 35.b4 Kh7 36.b5 Nc5 37.b6 Ne6 38.b7 Nd8 39.Bxd8 Bb1 40.Be4+ Bxe4 41.Nxe4 h5 42.b8Q g6 43.Qc7+ Kh6 44.Bg5# 1-0

Kammila,Anish (1183) - Randazzo,Paul (691) [D37]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Bd7 8.Qc2 Nb4 9.Qb1 Bc6 10.Ng5 h6 11.Nh7 Nxh7 12.Bxh7+ Kh8 13.a3 Na6 14.Bd3 g6 15.Bxh6 Re8 16.0-0 Nb8 17.Re1 Nd7 18.e4 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Nf6 20.Nxf6 Bxf6 21.Re3 Bxd4 22.Rh3 Qf6 23.Bg5+ Kg7 24.Bxf6+ Bxf6 25.Rg3 Bh4 26.Rg4 Bf6 27.Bxg6 Kf8 28.Bxf7 Kxf7 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rg8# 1-0

King,Thomas (1305) - Sawyer,Tim (1039) [C54]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.c3 Re8 7.Ng5 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Qh5 h6 10.Qxf7+ Kh8 11.Bxd5 Rf8 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qh5 Qf6 14.Ne4 Qe7 15.Bg5 Bxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rxf2 17.Bxe7 1-0

Rude,Curtis (871) - Tappen,Eugene (1150) [E61]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.e3 d6 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.exd4 Re8 9.Re1 d5 10.b3 Nc6 11.h3 b6 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Be3 e6 15.Bg5 Qd6 16.Qd2 Nd7 17.Bf4 e5 18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Rxe5 20.cxd5 Bb7 21.Bf3 Rae8 22.Rxe5 Rxe5 23.Re1 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 Ne5 25.Qe4 Nxf3+ 26.Qxf3 Qe5 27.g3 a6 28.Kf1 Bc8 29.Kg2 b5 30.b4 Bf5 31.a3 Kf8 32.Qe3 Qxe3 33.fxe3 Ke7 34.e4 Bd7 35.g4 f6 36.Kg3 Kd6 37.Kf3 Ke5 38.Ke3 f5 39.exf5 gxf5 40.gxf5 Bxf5 41.h4 Bg6 42.d6 Kxd6 43.Kd4 Bf7 44.Ne4+ Kc6 45.Ng5 Bg6 46.Ne6 Kb6 47.Nc5 a5 48.Nd7+ Ka6 49.Kc5 axb4 50.axb4 Bd3 51.h5 Kb7 52.h6 Kc7 ½-½

Snyder,Anthony (978) - Rousseau,Andrew (1278) [E51]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 0-0 5.Nf3 d5 6.e3 b6 7.Be2 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Qc7 12.Rb1 Rad8 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.b4 cxb4 15.axb4 dxc4 16.Bxc4 Be4 17.Bd3 Qxc3 18.Bxe4 Nxe4 19.Qc1 Rc8 20.Qxc3 Rxc3 21.Rbc1 Rfc8 22.f3 Rxc1 0-1

Sutton,William - Lai,Isabella (1194) [B01]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (1), 2017-07-08

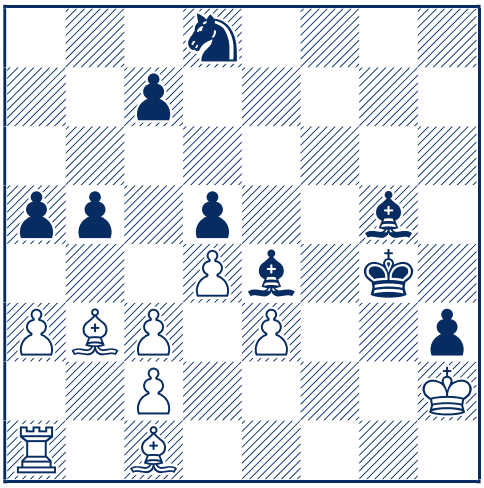
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 c6 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.Bd2 Qc7 7.h3 Bf5 8.Nf3 e6 9.Bg5 Nbd7 10.Nh4 Be4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Qg4 Bb4+ 13.c3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bxc3+ 15.Ke2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 e5 17.Re1 Nb6 18.dxe5 Nxc4 19.Qxc4 Qxe5+ 20.Kf1 Qxe1+ 21.Kxe1 0-0 22.Qg4 Rfe8+ 23.Kf1 Kh8 24.Nf5 f6 25.Bxf6 Rg8 26.Bxg7+ Rxg7 27.Qxg7# 1-0

Briggs,Donald (1444) - Rude,Curtiss (871) [A00]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.e3 e5 2.Bc4 Be7 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Ng5?! (5.d3 d5 6.Bb3 or 6.Bb5) 5…d5 6.Bb3 0-0 7.h3 h6 8.Nf3 Bf5 9.0-0 e4 10.Nh4 Bh7 11.g3 g5 12.Ng2 Qd7 13.Kh2 a6 (13…Ne5 14.f4 exf3) 14.d3 Rad8 15.d4 b5 16.f3 exf3 17.Qxf3 Qe6 18.Re1

Ne4 19.Ne2 Bf5 20.g4 Qd6+ 21.Kg1 Bg6 22.Nc3 f5 (Even better is 22…Nxc3 23.bxc3 Be4 24.Qf2 f5) 23.h4 Nxc3 24.bxc3 fxg4 25.Qxg4 a5? (The attack continues with 25…h5 or 25…Bf5. Now White has a tactic to get back in the game.) 26.a3? (26.e4! h5 27.Bxd5+ Qxd5 28.exd5 hxg4 29.dxc6=) 26…Kg7 27.hxg5 Bxg5 28.Nf4 Be4 29.Ne6+ Kg6 30.Nxd8 Nxd8 31.Rf1 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Qf6+ 33.Ke1 h5 34.Qg3 h4 35.Qh3 Qf5 36.Qxf5+ Kxf5 37.Kf2 Kg4 38.Kg1 h3 39.Kh2



Spot The Tactic #6 (black to move)

mate in 6

39…Bg2 40.Bd2 Kf3? 41.Bxd5+ Ke2 42.Bc1 Bxe3?? (With this move, the pendulum swings in White's direction. 42…Bxd5 keeps the advantage.) 43.Bxg2 Bxc1 44.Rxc1 hxg2 45.Kxg2 Kd2 46.Rb1 Kxc2 47.Rxb5 Kxc3 48.Rc5+ Kxd4 49.Rxc7 Ne6 50.Ra7 Kc4 51.Rxa5 Nc5 52.Ra8 Kb3 53.Ra5 Na4 54.Kf3 Kxa3 55.Ke4 Kb4 56.Ra8 Nc5+ 57.Kd4 Ne6+ 58.Kd3 Nc5+ 59.Ke3 Kc3 60.Rd8 Kc4 61.Rc8 Kd5 62.Kf4 Ne6+ 63.Ke3 Ke5 64.Re8 Kd5 65.Rxe6 Kxe6 ½-½

Farahani,Armon - Ashley,Logan (1207) [B31]

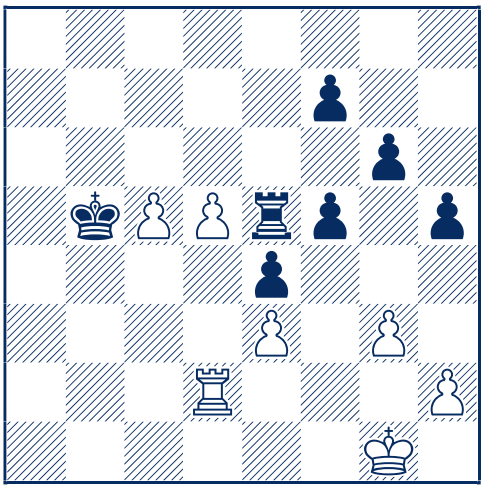
67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c5 2.Qf3 e6 3.Nh3 Nf6 4.Ng5 h6 5.e5 hxg5 6.Be2 Nd5 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb3 Nc6 9.c3 Nxe5 10.Qg3 Bd6 11.d4 Nec4 12.Bxg5 Bxg3 13.Bxd8 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Kxd8 15.Re1 Nxb2 16.Re2 Nd3+ 17.Ke3 Nc1 18.Rb2 Nxb3 19.Rxb3 cxd4+ 20.cxd4 d5 21.a4 Bd7 22.Nc3 Rxh2 23.a5 Nc4+ 24.Kf3 Nd2+ 25.Kg3 Nxb3 26.Ra3 Rxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Nxd4 28.Ra1 Rc8 29.Nd1 Ke7 30.a6 b6 31.Kh1 e5 32.Ra2 Rc2 33.Ra3 Rc1 34.Rd3 Ba4 35.Kg2 Rxd1 36.Re3 Ke6 37.Kf2 b5 38.Rh3 b4 39.Rh8 b3 40.Re8+ Bxe8 0-1

Fiske,Mike (1181) - Learnard,Arthur (1400) [D02]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Nbd7 5.Be2 b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Nc3 a6 8.a3 Be7 9.b4 Ne4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Bf6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.f3 Qg5 15.f4 Qe7 16.f5 Qg5 17.Qd2 exf5 18.Rf2 0-0-0 19.Bc4 Rhf8 20.a4 g6 21.c3 h5 22.Qe2 Qf6 23.Bxa6 Qc6 24.Bxb7+ Kxb7 25.Qb2 Qc4 26.a5 b5 27.g3 Ka6 28.Rc1 Rd5 29.Qe2 Qxe2 30.Rxe2 Re8 31.c4 bxc4 32.Rxc4 c5 33.Rxc5 Rxc5 34.bxc5 Kxa5 35.Rb2 Re6 36.d5 Re5 37.Rd2 Kb5



(white to move)

38.d6?? (38.c6 wins after 38…Kb6 39.d6 Kxc6 40.d7) 38...Re8 39.d7 0-1

Lai,Isabella (1194) - Snyder,Anthony (978) [B33]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Bd3 d5 8.Bg5 d4 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 dxc3 11.0-0 0-0 12.h3 h6 13.Bh4 Nd4 14.Nxe5 b6 15.Qe1 Bb7 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nd7 Qd6 18.Nxf8 Rxf8 19.Qxc3 Bxe4 20.Rad1 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Rd8 22.c3 Nf3+ 23.Qxf3 1-0

Larson,Benjamin (973) - Kammila,Anish (1183) [D07]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bb4 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Ne4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Bd3 f5 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Qh4 12.0-0 b6 13.Bxe4 fxe4 14.f3 Ba6 15.Rf2 Rf5 16.Qa4 Raf8 17.f4 Bxc4 18.g3 Qg4 19.Bd2 Be2 20.Qd7 Rh5 21.h4 Rxh4 22.f5 Bf3 23.Qxe6+ Kh8 24.Qe7 Rh1# 0-1

McGaffigan,Joseph (1394) - Kammila,Akhil (1173) [D02]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e3 Bg4 4.Be2 f6 5.Nc3 e6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Qd7 9.Re1 0-0-0 10.a3 f5 11.b4 Nf6 12.Bb2 h5 13.Rc1 g5 14.g3 Rdg8 15.Bg2 h4 16.Ne2 Ne4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.c4 hxg3 19.Nxg3 Rxh3 20.Rc2 Qh7 21.Kf1 Bxg3 22.d5 exd5 23.Qxd5 Rh1+ 24.Ke2 Rxe1+ 25.Kxe1 Qh1+ 26.Ke2 Qf3+ 27.Ke1 Rd8 28.Qe6+ Kb8 29.Rd2 Bxf2+ 30.Kf1 Bxe3+ 0-1

Palaitis,Waldemar (1049) - Burchard,Kyle (856) [A40]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6 4.exd6 Bxd6 5.e3 Be6 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.a4 a5 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Nd4 Bd7 11.Nc3 Ng4 12.h3 Qc8 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Nce2 c5 15.Nb5 Be5 16.Nbc3 c6 17.Re1 h5 18.Ne4 h4 19.Nd6+ Bxd6 20.Qxd6 h3 21.g3 h2+ 22.Kg2 Rh6 23.Qe5+ Qe6 24.Qf4 Qd5+ 25.f3 Bh3+ 26.Kxh2 Qh5 27.Qe4+ Be6+ 28.Qh4 Qxf3 0-1

Rousseau,Andrew (1278) - Benoit,Brett (1093) [B42]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.Rfe1 Bd7 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Rad1 Qc7 13.Bf4 Rad8 14.e5 dxe5 15.Bxe5 Qd7 16.Qf4 Qc8 17.Re3 Rd7 18.Rg3 h6 19.Qxh6 g6 20.Rh3 1-0

Randazzo,Paul (691) - Beck,Spencer (1062) [A45]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (2), 2017-07-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Bd2 d5 5.Nf3 0-0 6.g3 Bd7 7.Bg2 Qc8 8.0-0 Bh3 9.Ng5 Bxg2 10.Kxg2 c5 11.Nb5 a6 12.Nc3 cxd4 13.exd4 Nc6 14.Be3 Ng4 15.Bd2 Nxd4 16.Rc1 Nf6 17.Be3 Nf5 18.Bf4 d4 19.Na4 Qc6+ 20.f3 Qxa4 21.b3 Qc6 22.g4 Nxg4 23.Kg1 Nge3 24.Qe1 Nxf1 25.Qxf1 e5 26.Bd2 h6 27.Ne4 Nh4 28.Bb4 Rfe8 29.Qh3 g5 30.Bd2 f5 31.Ng3 Qxf3 32.Rf1 Qg4 33.Qxg4 fxg4 34.Nh5 Nf3+ 35.Kh1 Nxd2 36.Rg1 Rf8 37.Ng3 e4 38.Rd1 e3 39.Rg1 Rae8 40.a4 e2 41.Re1 Nf3 42.Rxe2 Rxe2 43.Nxe2 b5 44.axb5 axb5 45.Ng3 Ne1 46.h3 Nxc2 47.hxg4 d3 48.Kh2 d2 49.Kh3 d1Q 50.b4 Rf3 51.Kh2 Qd2+ 52.Kh3 Qe1 53.Kg2 Qxg3+ 0-1

King,Thomas (1305) - Kammila,Anish (1183) [C53]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (3), 2017-07-09

Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 Qe7 7.a4 a5 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Nbd2 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 0-0-0 13.Nb3 d5?

13...Bb6

14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 dxe4??

15...Bb6

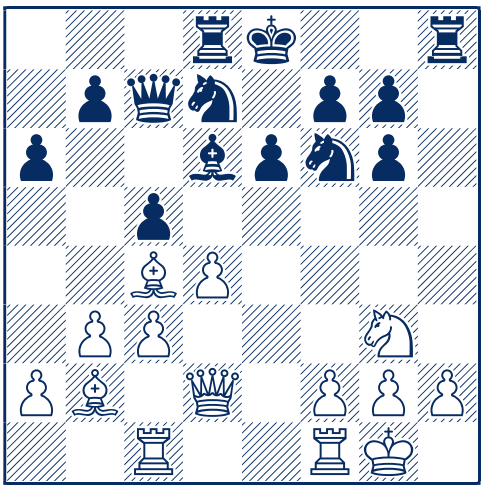
16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nxc5 Qf5 18.d4 b6 19.Nb3 h5 20.Qe2 h4 21.h3 Rdg8 22.Qg4 Qxg4 23.hxg4 h3 24.gxh3 Rxh3 25.Kg2 Rh4 26.f3 Rgh8 27.Kf2 Rh2+ 28.Ke3 Rxb2 29.Rab1 Rc2 30.Rfc1 Ra2 31.Rh1 Rxh1 32.Rxh1 Rxa4 33.Nd2 exf3 34.Nxf3 Ra3 35.Kd3 b5 36.Nxg5 b4 37.Ne4 b3 38.Nd2 a4 39.g5 Ra2 40.g6 b2 41.g7 a3 42.g8Q+ Kb7 43.Qxe6 Ra1 44.Rb1 Rxb1 45.Nxb1 c6 46.Nxa3 c5 47.Qb3+ Kc6 48.Qxb2 Kd6 49.dxc5+ Kxc5 50.Qb4+ Kd5 51.Qd4+ Ke6 52.Qc5 Kf6 53.Ke4 Ke6 54.Qe5+ Kd7 55.Qf6 Ke8 56.Qg7 Kd8 57.Kd5 Ke8 58.Ke6 Kd8 59.Qd7# 1-0

Kammila,Akhil (1173) - King,Thomas (1305) [B11]

67th NH Open/U1450 Nashua, NH (4), 2017-07-09

The top board game in the U1450 section. Both players had 3.0 going into the final round. The victory gave King clear first with 4.0. -*Hal Terrie*

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Be2 Nd7 7.Nh4 Ngf6 8.Nxg6 hxg6 9.b3 e6 10.Bb2 Be7 11.d3 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Bb4 13.c3 Be7 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Bf3 Ne5 16.Be2 Qc7 17.d4 c5 18.Bb5+ Ned7 19.Rac1 a6 20.Bc4 Bd6



(white to move)

21.Ba3? Bf4 22.Qe2 Bxc1 23.Rxc1 0-0 24.Rd1 Rfe8 25.Qf3 cxd4 26.Rxd4 Ne5 27.Qf4 Nd5 28.Bxd5 exd5 29.Qd2 b5 30.Bb2 Qb7 31.f4 Ng4 32.c4 bxc4 33.bxc4 Qb6 34.h3 Ne3 35.cxd5 Rxd5 36.Rxd5 Nxd5+ 37.Qd4 Qxd4+ 38.Bxd4 Nxf4 39.Kh2 Ne2 40.Nxe2 Rxe2 41.a3 f5 42.Bc5 Kf7 43.Kg3 Rc2 44.Bb4 g5 45.Kf3 Ke6 46.g4 g6 47.gxf5+ gxf5 48.Kg3 Kf7 49.h4 gxh4+ 50.Kxh4 Ke6 51.Kg3 Rc4 52.Bf8 Kd5 53.Kf3 Ra4 54.Ke3 Kc4 55.Kf4 Kb3+ 56.Kxf5 Rxa3 57.Ke4 Ra1 58.Ke3 Rd1 59.Ke2 Rd7 60.Bh6 a5 0-1

Upcoming Events

PORTSMOUTH OPEN

January 13-14, 2018

Holiday Inn Portsmouth, 300 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth NH

Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)

In 2 Sections Open: 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 Sec. Increment. Analog clocks not allowed in this section. FIDE rated. $$GTD: $550-300. U2250 $125, U2000 $125. U1750: 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 Sec. Increment, Analog clocks play 40/90, SD/60, Open to 1749 & under. $$GTD: $500-250. U1500 $100, U1250 $100. ALL: EF: $62 in advance, $67 at site. Hotel requests that you consume all outside food in your sleeping room. Reg: Registration 9:00-9:45. Advance entries must be postmarked by 1/6/2018. Rds: 10-4, 10-4. Accelerated pairings may be used. ENT: Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. INFO: Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com. HR: $89 until 13 December, (603) 431-8000, mention RCT. JGP. NS W.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE QUICK CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

March 24, 2018

Holiday Inn Portsmouth, 300 Woodbury Ave. Portsmouth, NH

Grand Prix Points: 6

8SS, G/25;d3, Holiday Inn Portsmouth, 300 Woodbury Ave. Portsmouth NH 03801. EF: $22 postmarked by 17 March, $27 at site. Memb. Req'd: $8, Juniors $6. $10 with printed NHCJ. OSA. $$GTD: $200-100. U2000 $100. U1600 $100. Plaque and $100 bonus to top finishing NH resident. Reg: 9:00-9:45. Rds: 10-11-1-2-3-4-5:30-6:30. Byes available rounds 1-7, limit two. Must be requested before round four. Hotel requests that all outside food be eaten in your sleeping rooms. ENT: Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. INFO: Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com. HR: $119, 603-641-4900, mention Relyea Chess. NS W.

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Spot The Tactic Solutions

#1) Yoon-Young - Niemann, US Cadet

40.Nxa6! bxa6 41.Bf1 and the queenside passers will decide the game, e.g., 41...Nf6 (41...Nxg3? 42.b5! Nxf1 43.bxa6) 42.Bxa6 Be4 43.Bb7 Ne8 44.b5 Nc7 45.b6 Ne6+ 46.Kc3 Nc5 47.Bc6 (it's not too late to ruin things with 47.a6?? Na4+ 48.Kd4 Nxb6) 47...Na6 48.b7 Nb8 49.Bb5 (49.Kd4 does not save the d-pawn due to 49...e6, but is also good enough to win after 50.Bb5) 49...Bxb5 50.a6 etc.

#2) Titus – T.Nguyen, US Cadet:

29.Rxb6! cxb6 30.Qxd6 gives white a slight edge. A probable draw results after 30...Rc6 31.Qxb8 Rxe6 32.Qf8+ Qg7 (not 32...Kh5? 33.Qf5+) 33.Qxg7+ Kxg7 34.Rd7+ Kg8 35.Rxb7 Rxe4

(This tactic is available on the next move as well: 30.Rxb6! since 30...Rd3 can be answered by 31.Rb3! Rxb3 32.Bxb3 Qxb3 [32...Bxe4] 33.f5+ and White's initiative and far-advanced passed pawn are enough to force a draw.)

#3) Commisso - Wang, NH Open/U1850

22.Bh6! with the idea of a perpetual check after 22...gxh6 23.Qxh6 Rg8 (or 23...Bd7 24.Rxe4! dxe4 25.Qf6+ Kg8 26.Qg5+) 24.Rxe4! dxe4 25.Qf6+ Rg7 26.Qd8+

Declining the sacrifice with 22...Rg8 23.Qxf7 leads to a relatively equal position after 23...Qb4! (23...gxh6 24.Rxe4! transposes to the perpetual, and certainly not 23...Ba6?? 24.Nxe6) 24.Nc6 Qf8 25.Qxf8 Rxf8 26.Be3

#4) Hsu - Relyea, NH Open/U1850

The players agreed a draw, but Black has a win here with 54...Qg6! releasing the white pawn and turning the stalemate into a "fresher" kind 55.g4 Qf7 56.g5 Qf8#

#5) M.Tiruveedhula - Ranganath, NH Open/U1650

16...h5 17.Qh3 Ng5 18.Qh4 Nxf3+ wins the queen 19.gxf3 Qxh4

#6) Briggs - Rude, NH Open/U1450

39...Bh4 40.Kg1 Bg3 41.Kf1 Bf3 42.e4 (42.Bxd5 h2! 43.Bxf3+ Kxf3 44.a4 h1/Q#) 42...h2 43.Be3 h1/Q+ 44.Bg1 Qg2#

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